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ABSTRACT

This Kids Count factbook examines statewide and county trends in the well-being of Georgia's children. The statistical portrait is based on indicators in five domains: family and community, economic well-being, health, education, and safety and security. The 21 indicators of well-being are: (1) child population; (2) public school enrollment; (3) families starting at risk of poverty; (4) children in poverty; (5) median household income; (6) students receiving free or reduced school lunch; (7) children in families receiving TANF; (8) children in families receiving food stamps; (9) low birth weight babies; (10) infant mortality; (11) prenatal care; (12) births to teens; (13) repeat births to teens; (14) Iowa Test of Basic Skills scores; (15) high school completions; (16) high school graduates eligible for HOPE scholarships; (17) babies born to mothers with less than 12 years of education; (18) child deaths; (19) teen deaths by accident, homicide, and suicide; (20) child abuse and neglect; and (21) juvenile arrests. The report's findings indicate that progress was made toward improving: poverty rates among children, infant mortality rates, rate of births to teens, math scores on the Iowa Tests, high school completions, rates of child deaths and teen deaths, and incidents of child abuse and neglect. The report's findings also indicate change for the worse in the areas of: families starting at risk of poverty, students eligible to receive free or reduced school lunches, low birthweight babies, some Iowa Test reading scores, and juvenile arrests. The factbook ends with a special report concerning economic development and child well-being. (SD)

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Overview

The *KIDS COUNT Factbook 2000 - 2001* is the sixth comprehensive look at the conditions of children and families in Georgia. The *Factbook* measures how well or how poorly residents are doing by presenting the best available data to monitor the social, economic, educational and physical well-being of Georgia's children. The *Factbook* provides a detailed state and county level picture of the quality of life of children.

The *KIDS COUNT Factbook* is an important tool in educating the public and policy makers on the status of children in Georgia. It builds a strong and effective case for improving measurable outcomes for Georgia's children. It is hoped that the increased awareness resulting from the presentation of these data will prompt leaders and citizens alike to work toward improving the quality of life for all our children.

The *KIDS COUNT Factbook 2000 - 2001* provides a statistical portrait of the status of Georgia's children. Information is presented for the state of Georgia as a whole and for each of the 159 individual counties. By examining the best available data statewide and in Georgia's 159 counties, the *Factbook* provides an information base that can result in more effective state and community action on behalf of children.

What is KIDS COUNT?

The Georgia KIDS COUNT project began in 1992, with funding by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. The *Factbook* profiles the status of children in Georgia by tracking changes in selected indicators using the most current and reliable data available.

The main goals of the Georgia KIDS COUNT project are to:

- develop a clear picture of the condition of children at state and local levels that can be used to guide efforts to improve the quality of life for children;
- track data indicators over time to assess change;
- educate the public and policy makers on the status of children and families in Georgia;
- use KIDS COUNT data as a planning tool to identify priority issues which will assist decision-makers in effectively utilizing scarce public and private resources; and
- maximize collaborative efforts on behalf of children.

What is new in the *KIDS COUNT Factbook 2000 - 2001*?

In a continuing effort to provide the most relevant and useful data, several improvements have been made to the *KIDS COUNT Factbook 2000 - 2001*.

- 11 new indicators have been added to provide a more comprehensive view of the lives of children in Georgia. Several of these complement the longstanding KIDS COUNT outcome indicators by measuring access to and utilization of community and state resources, such as the HOPE Scholarship program. Other indicators have been added to fill critical gaps, such as measures of economic well-being. Finally, new demographic indicators have been included to track the relative size, racial, and ethnic composition of the child population.

- The 21 indicators in this *Factbook* are organized under 5 domains: Family &

Community, Economic Well-Being, Health, Education, and Safety & Security. This new format focuses attention on what is desired for children, as well as how it is measured. Ultimately, all areas of well-being are interrelated and critical throughout a child's development. A child's safety in his family and community affects his school performance; a child's economic security affects her health and education. The *Factbook 2000 - 2001* reflects these connections and can be used to guide policy and programs for children and families.

- The *Factbook 2000 - 2001* includes a Special Report that highlights the close association between economic development and child well-being. To be successful, efforts to promote economic development must expand to include such children's issues as health care, education and safety. Likewise, efforts to improve child well-being must look beyond human services, because without a sound economic base their achievements will be difficult to sustain. Significant and lasting improvement requires a partnership between these two efforts.

Key Findings About Georgia's Children

Promising Trends

The majority of the 15 indicators for which trend data are available are moving in the right direction. Gains are evident in the areas of Economic Well-Being, Health, Education, and Safety & Security.

- Children in Poverty dropped slightly from 25% in 1993 to 23% in 1997. Since this was based on Census Bureau estimates, a more complete picture will emerge when the data from the 2000 Census are released.
- Infant Mortality declined from 12.4 per 1000 in 1990 to 8.2 per 1000 in 1999. Since this was part of a national trend, Georgia continued to rank near the bottom nationally.
- Births to Teens fell from 50.1 per 1000 in 1990 to 39.5 per 1000 in 1999. Again, this was part of a nationwide trend and when compared to other states, Georgia continued to have one of the highest rates in the country.
- Math Scores on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills improved in Grades 3, 5 and 8 between 1993 and 2000.
- High School Completions increased from 68% in 1998 to 71% in 2000. With the large number of education initiatives implemented in the past decade, it is expected that this indicator will continue to steadily improve.
- Child Deaths and Teen Deaths by Accident, Homicide and Suicide declined during the decade.
- Substantiated Incidents of Child Abuse and Neglect fell from 14.9 per 1000 in 1992 to 13.4 per 1000 in 1999.

Disturbing Trends

On 5 of the indicators, the trend is either mixed or fails to show improvement.

- Families Starting at Risk of Poverty increased slightly from 49% in 1990 to 51% in 1999. The three risk factors are mother unmarried, not a high school graduate, or under age 20. Throughout the decade, about half of first births were to families with one or more of these risk factors.

Georgia Trends

FAMILY & COMMUNITY		
Families Starting at Risk of Poverty	49% (1991)	51% (1999)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING		
Children in Poverty	25% (1993)	23% (1997)
Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch	34% (1990)	43% (2000)
HEALTH		
Low Birthweight Babies	9% (1990)	9% (1999)
Infant Mortality	12.4 per 1000 (1990)	8.2 per 1000 (1999)
Babies Born to Mothers Receiving No Prenatal Care	2% (1991)	1% (1999)
Births to Teens	50.1 per 1000 (1990)	39.5 per 1000 (1999)
Repeat Births to Teens	14% (1995)	12% (1999)
EDUCATION		
Reading & Math Scores on Iowa Test of Basic Skills:	(1993)	(2000)
○ 3rd Grade Reading	52%	54%
○ 3rd Grade Math	50%	62%
○ 5th Grade Reading	53%	53%
○ 5th Grade Math	53%	59%
○ 8th Grade Reading	52%	49%
○ 8th Grade Math	52%	57%
High School Completions	68% (1998)	71% (2000)
Babies Born to Mothers With Less Than 12 Years of Education	25% (1990)	23% (2000)
SAFETY & SECURITY		
Child Deaths	35.8 per 100,000 (1990)	27.1 per 100,000 (1999)
Teen Deaths by Accident, Homicide & Suicide	74.6 per 100,000 (1990)	61.6 per 100,000 (1999)
Substantiated Child Abuse & Neglect	14.9 per 1,000 (1992)	13.4 per 1,000 (1999)
Juvenile Arrests	3% (1990)	5% (1999)

- Students Eligible to Receive Free or Reduced Price School Lunch rose from 34% in 1990 to 43% in 2000. Because family income is used to determine enrollment in the lunch program, this indicator is a proxy measure for children living in poverty. Poverty often means too little to eat and the school nutrition programs are an important way to combat childhood hunger. While it is good to have more poor children participating in the program, it is troubling that the proportion who met the income guidelines increased so rapidly.
- Low Birthweight Babies remained constant at 9% in 1990 and 1999. Health care advances during the decade appeared to have little impact on reducing the proportion of infants born low birthweight.
- Reading Scores on the ITBS were mixed with 8th grade reading showing a decline from 52% in 1993 to 49% in 2000, and 5th grading reading remaining constant at 53% during this period. A promising sign was the increase in 3rd grade reading scores from 52% in 1993 to 54% in 2000.
- Juvenile Arrests rose from 3% in 1990 to 5% in 1999. The large numbers of youth coming into contact with legal authorities raises serious issues not only about the conditions facing young people, but also the readiness of the juvenile justice system to meet their needs.

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Family and Community

In the 1990's, Georgia was among the fastest growing states in the country. The overall population rose from 6.5 million in 1990 to 8.2 million in 2000, an increase of 26%. Looking back a half-century to 1950, the population of Georgia has grown by 141%.

In addition to the growing number of people residing in the state, Georgia has also become more racially and ethnically diverse. This diversity is most evident among the young and is shaping everything from school enrollment to popular culture.

A third force impacting the future well-being of children in Georgia is the mounting disparities between communities. Where a child lives — whether it is a wealthy or poor community, a region which is experiencing economic growth or in decline — influences the resources and opportunities that are available.

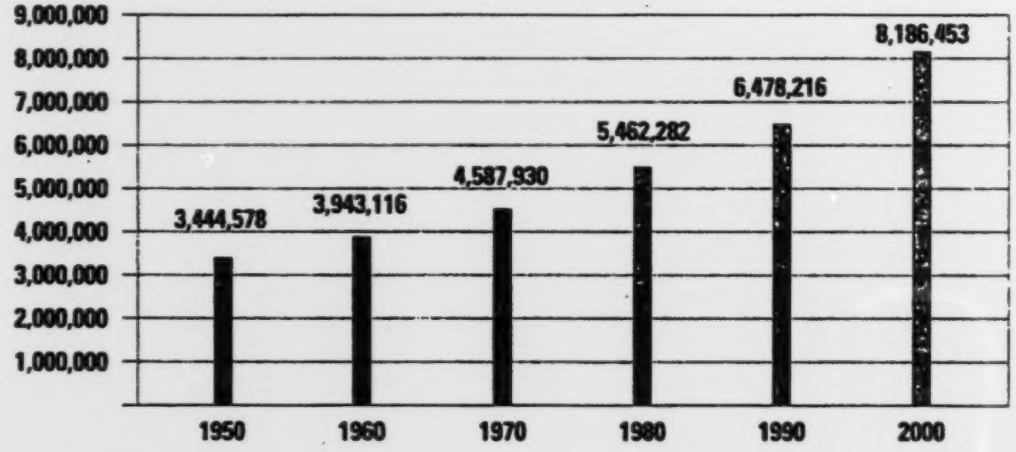
Child Population

This indicator represents the percentage of the total population that is under the age of 18. In 1999, there were 2,044,690 children under age 18. This was 26% of Georgia's population, down slightly from 27% in 1990.

Counties with largest percentage of population under age 18

Burke	33%
Lee	32%
Bryan	32%
Liberty	31%
Mitchell	31%
Turner	31%
Long	31%
Macon	31%

Total Population, Georgia, 1950 - 2000



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Public School Enrollment

This indicator represents the race and ethnicity of public school students in kindergarten through 12th grade. In the 1999-2000 school year, 55% of Georgia students were white, 38% were black, 4% were Hispanic, and 2% were Asian. In 23 counties, at least 1 in 20 students were Hispanic.

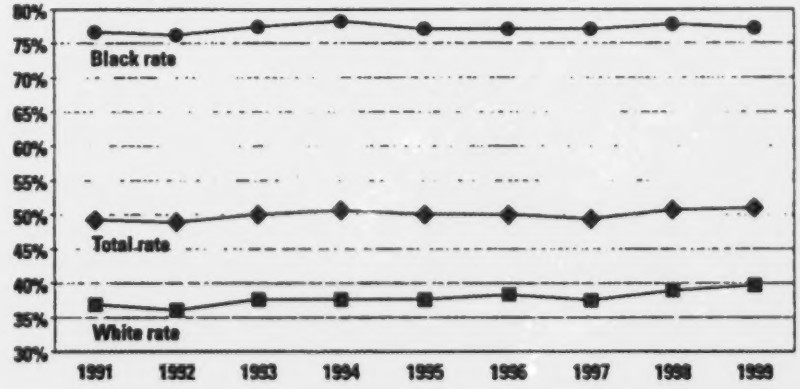
Counties where Hispanic students represent 5% or more of school enrollment

Whitfield	23%	Colquitt	8%	Liberty	6%
Hall	20%	Toombs	8%	Coffee	6%
Atkinson	17%	Clarke	7%	Dooly	6%
Echols	16%	Polk	7%	DeKalb	5%
Tattnall	10%	Tift	6%	Clayton	5%
Candler	9%	Long	6%	Gordon	5%
Habersham	9%	Gilmer	6%	Floyd	5%
Gwinnett	8%	Cobb	6%		

Families Starting at Risk of Poverty

This indicator represents first births to mothers with at least one of these risk factors — unmarried, not a high school graduate, or under age 20. In 1999, 51% of new families were at risk of poverty. This was an increase from 49% in 1991. The rate among black babies (77%) was nearly twice that of white babies (40%). However, while the rate among blacks remained constant during the decade, the white rate increased during this period.

Families starting at risk of poverty, Georgia, 1991 - 1999 (per 100)



Child Population. *Total population, child population, and percent of population that are children under age 18 for 1990 and 1999.*

County	1990 Total	1990 Child	1990 Percent Children	1999 Total	1999 Child	1999 Percent Children
Appling	15,744	4,584	29.1	16,676	4,721	28.3
Atkinson	6,213	1,862	30.0	7,295	2,212	30.3
Bacon	9,566	2,859	29.9	10,295	3,071	29.8
Baker	3,615	1,080	29.9	3,617	1,047	28.9
Baldwin	39,530	9,158	23.2	42,181	9,577	22.7
Banks	10,306	2,737	26.6	13,166	3,295	25.0
Barrow	29,721	8,314	28.0	41,891	11,719	28.0
Bartow	55,911	15,376	27.5	74,887	20,119	27.0
Ben Hill	16,245	4,982	30.7	17,474	5,274	30.2
Berrien	14,153	3,989	27.8	16,529	4,489	27.2
Bibb	149,967	39,863	26.6	155,441	40,122	25.8
Bleckley	10,430	2,749	26.4	11,314	2,911	25.7
Brantley	11,077	3,365	30.4	13,895	4,046	29.1
Brooks	15,398	4,582	29.8	16,122	4,888	29.8
Bryan	15,438	5,004	32.4	24,394	7,743	31.7
Bulloch	43,125	9,837	22.8	50,777	11,772	23.2
Burke	20,579	6,829	33.2	23,217	7,654	33.0
Butts	15,326	3,947	25.8	18,398	4,809	25.6
Calhoun	5,013	1,456	29.0	4,936	1,416	28.7
Camden	30,167	9,139	30.3	47,832	14,224	30.2
Candler	7,744	2,104	27.2	8,953	2,468	27.4
Carroll	71,422	19,141	26.8	84,765	22,344	26.4
Catoosa	42,464	11,023	26.0	52,109	12,989	24.9
Charlton	8,496	2,641	31.1	9,462	2,876	30.4
Chatham	216,935	57,286	26.4	225,082	58,427	25.9
Chattahoochee	16,934	4,730	27.9	16,654	4,748	28.5
Chattooga	22,242	5,894	26.6	22,858	5,623	24.6
Cherokee	90,204	25,343	28.1	141,886	39,327	27.8
Clarke	87,594	17,552	20.0	98,630	19,952	20.6
Clay	3,364	983	29.2	3,524	992	28.1
Clayton	182,052	50,855	27.9	213,727	58,717	27.5
Clinch	6,160	1,844	29.9	6,677	1,973	29.5
Cobb	447,745	113,244	25.3	593,541	144,415	24.7
Coffee	28,502	8,054	28.3	34,998	10,266	29.7
Colquitt	36,645	10,377	28.3	40,724	11,674	28.7
Columbia	66,031	20,144	30.5	93,312	25,968	27.9
Cook	13,438	3,861	28.7	15,197	4,338	28.5
Coweta	53,853	15,351	28.5	89,491	25,245	28.2
Crawford	8,991	2,541	28.3	10,414	2,876	27.6
Crisp	20,011	5,985	30.0	20,637	6,062	29.5
Dade	13,147	3,422	26.0	15,344	3,748	24.4
Dawson	9,429	2,615	27.7	15,946	4,277	26.8
Decatur	25,511	7,489	29.4	27,128	7,977	29.4
DeKalb	545,837	129,953	23.7	666,883	141,280	23.7
Dodge	17,697	4,598	25.9	19,146	4,987	25.3
Dooly	9,901	2,988	30.2	10,433	3,121	29.9
Dougherty	96,311	29,317	30.4	94,666	27,419	29.1
Douglas	71,120	20,149	28.3	91,175	25,031	27.5
Early	11,854	3,564	30.1	12,127	3,588	29.5
Echols	2,334	697	29.9	2,634	767	29.3
Effingham	25,687	7,575	31.0	36,779	11,446	30.4
Elbert	18,948	5,088	26.9	19,363	5,003	25.8
Emanuel	20,548	6,245	30.4	21,642	6,289	29.9
Evans	9,724	2,998	29.3	10,699	2,925	29.1
Fannin	15,992	3,787	23.2	18,946	4,131	21.8
Fayette	62,415	18,227	29.2	92,278	25,329	27.4
Floyd	81,251	19,469	24.0	86,512	20,822	23.4
Forsyth	44,083	11,373	25.8	89,686	24,871	25.7
Franklin	16,650	3,953	23.7	19,311	4,421	22.9
Fulton	648,951	157,195	24.2	744,827	179,579	24.1
Gilmer	13,368	3,364	25.2	19,786	4,748	23.8
Glascock	2,357	555	23.5	2,544	574	22.6
Glynn	62,496	16,243	26.0	67,946	17,088	25.0
Gordon	35,072	9,498	27.1	41,898	10,980	26.2
Grady	20,279	5,728	28.2	21,698	6,028	27.9
Greene	11,793	3,618	30.6	14,094	4,233	30.0
Gwinnett	352,910	98,714	28.0	545,832	148,918	27.5
Habersham	27,621	6,534	23.7	32,530	7,467	22.9
Hall	95,428	24,489	25.6	122,290	31,784	25.9
Hancock	9,560	2,793	31.4	9,646	2,674	29.6
Haralson	21,966	5,822	26.5	25,870	6,484	25.9
Harris	17,788	4,590	25.3	22,634	5,596	24.6
Hart	19,712	4,891	24.8	22,124	5,362	24.2
Heard	8,628	2,448	28.4	10,499	2,939	28.0
Henry	58,741	16,216	27.6	113,443	30,878	27.0
Houston	89,208	25,152	28.2	107,644	29,268	27.2
Irwin	8,648	2,482	28.7	9,181	2,587	28.3
Jackson	26,605	7,351	26.5	29,057	10,230	26.2
Jasper	8,453	2,385	28.2	10,588	2,911	27.5
Jeff Davis	12,032	3,277	24.1	12,714	3,464	27.2
Jefferson	17,408	5,248	30.1	17,858	5,270	29.5
Jenkins	8,247	2,436	29.5	8,401	2,286	28.5
Johnson	8,329	2,438	29.3	8,293	2,376	28.7
Jones	20,739	5,798	27.9	23,387	6,223	28.7
Lamar	13,038	3,444	26.4	15,810	3,919	25.4
Lanier	5,531	1,618	29.2	6,958	2,046	29.4
Laurens	38,988	11,258	28.2	43,827	12,178	27.7
Lee	16,298	5,218	32.1	23,341	7,414	31.8
Liberty	52,745	16,643	30.4	59,694	18,782	31.5
Lincoln	7,442	1,998	26.7	8,338	2,153	25.8
Long	6,202	1,899	30.3	8,798	2,695	30.9
Lowndes	75,981	21,241	27.9	89,413	23,675	27.7
Lumpkin	14,573	3,548	24.3	18,772	4,776	24.2
Macon	13,114	4,142	31.6	13,128	4,038	30.8
Madison	21,889	5,616	25.7	25,208	6,527	25.9
Marion	5,590	1,588	28.6	6,778	1,594	23.5
McDuffie	20,119	5,911	29.4	21,814	6,249	28.6
McIntosh	8,634	2,422	28.1	10,114	2,748	27.1
Meriwether	22,411	6,649	29.2	23,943	6,564	28.4
Miller	5,280	1,730	27.5	6,318	1,765	27.8
Mitchell	20,275	6,429	31.7	21,210	6,586	31.1
Monroe	17,113	4,626	27.0	20,032	5,212	26.0
Montgomery	7,163	1,952	26.8	7,864	2,036	25.9
Morgan	12,863	3,552	27.6	15,437	4,143	26.8
Murray	26,147	7,419	28.4	33,922	9,474	27.9
Muscogee	179,278	48,441	27.0	187,898	47,820	25.5
Newton	41,808	11,679	27.9	69,593	16,633	27.5
Oconee	17,618	5,058	28.7	24,528	6,956	28.9
Oglethorpe	9,763	2,553	26.1	11,564	2,973	25.7
Paulding	41,611	12,111	29.1	79,587	23,486	29.4
Peach	21,189	5,795	27.2	24,996	6,585	26.3
Pickens	14,432	3,616	25.1	21,024	5,157	24.5
Pierce	13,328	3,753	28.2	15,894	4,377	27.4
Pike	10,224	2,796	27.3	13,104	3,488	26.6
Polk	33,815	8,998	26.6	36,827	9,529	26.0
Pulaski	8,108	2,184	26.9	8,388	2,194	26.2
Putnam	14,137	3,638	25.7	18,199	4,481	24.7
Quitman	2,299	670	29.0	2,449	603	24.6
Rabun	11,648	2,956	22.9	13,687	2,845	20.8
Randolph	8,023	2,357	29.4	8,012	2,357	29.4
Richmond	189,719	51,473	27.1	199,210	49,777	24.2
Rockdale	54,091	15,327	28.3	69,998	19,855	27.9
Schley	3,588	1,018	28.3	3,949	1,134	28.7
Screven	13,842	4,053	29.3	14,463	4,115	28.5
Seminole	9,819	2,589	26.2	9,893	2,588	26.1
Spalding	54,457	15,316	28.1	57,925	15,908	27.5
Stephens	23,257	5,688	24.1	25,332	5,833	23.0
Stewart	5,554	1,545	27.3	5,374	1,419	26.4
Sumter	29,220	8,635	29.2	31,902	9,183	29.0
Talbot	6,524	1,767	27.1	6,969	1,801	25.8
Taliaferro	1,915	530	27.7	1,924	515	26.8
Tattnall	17,722	4,283	24.2	19,171	4,706	24.5
Taylor	7,642	2,136	28.0	8,287	2,264	27.3
Telfair	11,000	3,045	27.7	11,496	3,158	27.7
Terrell	10,653	3,164	29.7	11,295	3,268	29.2
Thomas	38,985	11,150	28.6	42,286	11,963	27.9
Tift	34,998	10,058	28.7	36,975	10,564	28.6
Toombs	24,072	7,006	29.5	25,998	7,009	28.6
Towns	6,754	1,176	17.4	8,890	1,383	15.7
Treutlen	6,864	1,705	28.4	6,933	1,662	28.0
Troup	58,538	15,596	27.9	58,891	16,229	27.6
Turner	8,703	2,728	31.3	9,249	2,885	31.8
Twiggs	8,415	2,507	29.8	10,151	2,988	29.3
Union	11,993	2,673	22.3	17,234	3,984	20.7
Upson	26,300	6,678	25.4	27,873	6,742	24.9
Walker	58,340	15,023	25.8	62,963	15,999	24.7
Walton	38,586	10,732	27.8	58,406	16,053	27.4
Ware	35,471	9,008	25.8	35,232	9,123	25.9
Warren	6,078	1,717	28.2	6,075	1,648	27.1
Washington	19,112	5,633	29.5	20,199	5,746	28.4
Wayne	22,356	6,598	29.1	25,610	7,223	28.2
Webster	2,353	625	27.8	2,393	598	25.0
Wheeler	4,903	1,488	30.7	4,884	1,306	26.7
White	13,006	2,991	23.0	19,195	3,958	21.7
Whitfield	72,462	19,935	28.1	83,229	21,548	25.9
Wilcox	7,898	1,996	28.3	7,419	2,078	28.0
Wilkes	10,597	2,888	26.5	10,596	2,675	25.4
Wilkinson	10,228	3,009	29.4	10,908	3,128	28.7
Worth	19,745	5,699	30.3	22,483	6,732	29.9
Georgia	**6,478,216**	**1,727,383**	**26.7**	**7,788,240**	**2,044,889**	**26.3**

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Public School Enrollment. *Public school enrollment for students in kindergarten through 12th grade for school year 1999-2000, total number and percentage in each race or ethnic group.*

County	Total Number	White Percent	Black Percent	Hispanic Percent	Asian Percent	Other Percent
Appling	3,212	66.5	29.0	3.6	0.2	0.6
Atkinson	1,464	57.7	24.3	17.1	0.8	1.0
Bacon	1,838	73.4	24.0	1.6	0.1	0.9
Baker	343	28.0	68.8	2.3	0.0	0.9
Baldwin	6,216	36.6	60.9	0.5	1.2	0.8
Banks	2,275	92.3	3.8	2.7	1.1	0.1
Barrow	8,042	80.2	12.2	2.2	4.2	1.2
Bartow	14,854	84.5	11.3	2.8	0.5	0.8
Ben Hill	3,403	52.2	46.1	2.0	0.4	0.4
Berrien	3,043	78.6	17.8	2.0	0.4	1.0
Bibb	34,284	29.6	68.6	0.6	0.5	0.6
Bleckley	2,242	68.8	29.9	0.4	1.0	0.7
Brantley	3,081	94.5	4.4	0.5	0.1	0.5
Brooks	2,708	31.6	65.4	2.0	0.3	0.7
Bryan	5,028	79.8	16.7	1.1	0.8	1.6
Bulloch	8,348	58.5	39.0	0.7	0.7	1.0
Burke	4,744	30.9	67.9	0.8	0.1	0.3
Butts	3,202	61.1	36.9	0.7	0.4	0.8
Calhoun	761	4.9	94.9	0.3	0.0	0.0
Camden	9,292	69.4	24.4	2.4	0.7	3.0
Candler	1,800	54.9	35.6	8.7	0.5	0.3
Carroll	14,865	74.6	21.8	1.4	0.7	1.6
Catoosa	9,311	96.6	1.2	0.6	1.1	0.6
Charlton	1,942	63.9	34.8	0.3	0.4	0.7
Chatham	35,028	51.3	44.8	1.7	1.7	1.3
Chattahoochee	467	68.4	33.8	1.1	0.6	4.1
Chattooga	3,364	87.9	10.3	0.9	0.8	0.9
Cherokee	24,737	92.8	2.9	3.6	0.9	0.6
Clarke	10,769	38.8	57.5	7.1	2.7	1.8
Clay	332	4.5	95.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Clayton	44,622	25.7	61.8	5.0	4.7	2.9
Clinch	1,391	59.3	40.3	0.1	0.0	0.3
Cobb	100,295	84.4	23.9	6.2	3.2	2.4
Coffee	7,234	58.1	34.0	5.8	0.6	0.6
Colquitt	8,005	57.4	33.5	7.7	0.2	1.2
Columbia	18,381	81.0	12.7	1.7	3.6	1.1
Cook	3,838	57.3	38.7	2.2	0.4	0.4
Coweta	15,777	72.9	24.7	1.2	0.6	0.6
Crawford	2,088	70.0	28.6	0.9	0.1	0.3
Crisp	4,275	38.7	59.1	0.4	0.4	0.5
Dade	2,518	98.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3
Dawson	2,648	97.9	0.1	1.3	0.3	0.5
Decatur	5,622	44.8	51.4	2.4	0.2	0.2
DeKalb	95,888	12.6	76.2	5.2	3.9	2.1
Dodge	3,391	62.8	35.7	0.9	0.3	0.4
Dooly	1,701	16.3	78.4	5.6	0.4	1.3
Dougherty	16,391	17.8	81.3	0.4	0.3	0.1
Douglas	16,703	73.6	21.2	2.1	1.2	1.9
Early	2,675	37.2	60.9	0.9	0.2	0.8
Echols	665	74.3	9.8	15.5	0.0	1.2
Effingham	5,664	82.6	15.6	0.7	0.4	0.6
Elbert	3,679	57.5	40.6	1.1	0.2	0.6
Emanuel	4,548	52.4	46.4	0.8	0.2	0.1

County	Total Number	White Percent	Black Percent	Hispanic Percent	Asian Percent	Other Percent
Evans	1,930	58.2	40.6	0.6	0.2	0.4
Fannin	3,052	98.6	0.1	0.6	0.6	0.2
Fayette	19,012	80.7	13.2	1.9	2.7	1.5
Floyd	14,912	73.9	18.7	4.7	1.1	1.7
Forsyth	15,644	95.1	0.2	4.0	0.2	0.4
Franklin	3,528	86.9	12.8	0.7	0.1	0.6
Fulton	124,128	28.5	63.2	4.0	3.0	1.3
Gilmer	3,534	92.8	0.1	6.3	0.2	0.6
Glascock	945	80.5	18.1	0.8	0.8	0.4
Glynn	11,538	59.0	38.8	1.5	0.6	0.1
Gordon	7,980	88.5	4.5	5.0	0.9	1.1
Grady	4,411	53.6	41.9	3.5	0.3	0.6
Greene	2,264	22.5	75.6	1.3	0.2	0.4
Gwinnett	108,382	65.6	14.9	8.4	8.2	1.9
Habersham	5,515	85.4	2.2	8.5	2.4	1.6
Hall	23,259	68.0	8.5	19.8	1.3	1.4
Hancock	1,756	1.6	98.2	0.0	0.0	0.2
Haralson	4,882	93.4	5.8	0.2	0.4	0.3
Harris	4,004	74.0	24.5	0.5	0.2	0.8
Hart	3,431	70.0	29.0	0.4	0.4	0.1
Heard	1,971	84.9	12.8	0.8	0.1	1.4
Henry	21,748	78.5	17.4	1.7	1.6	0.8
Houston	20,868	64.0	32.0	1.8	1.5	0.6
Irwin	1,866	58.8	39.6	1.1	0.1	0.2
Jackson	7,528	87.3	8.4	2.1	1.4	0.7
Jasper	1,985	57.2	39.7	1.3	0.4	1.5
Jeff Davis	2,541	76.3	18.7	4.1	0.3	0.7
Jefferson	3,516	23.5	76.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Jenkins	1,734	43.7	54.4	1.3	0.0	0.6
Johnson	1,327	47.6	52.0	0.2	0.2	0.1
Jones	4,588	74.0	23.8	1.1	0.5	0.6
Lamar	2,995	57.4	42.0	0.1	0.3	0.2
Lanier	1,271	63.9	33.0	1.9	0.5	0.7
Laurens	8,653	52.1	46.8	0.9	0.6	0.7
Lee	5,185	83.2	14.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Liberty	10,854	33.9	55.4	5.9	2.1	2.8
Lincoln	1,470	55.1	44.3	0.1	0.3	0.1
Long	1,819	58.6	31.3	6.4	0.8	2.9
Lowndes	15,529	51.3	44.5	1.7	0.9	1.6
Lumpkin	3,250	93.4	1.8	3.2	0.6	1.1
Macon	2,297	13.1	83.5	2.2	1.0	0.2
Madison	4,476	86.9	10.2	1.5	0.1	1.3
Marion	1,788	52.9	44.7	2.2	0.4	0.7
McDuffie	4,398	48.3	48.1	0.7	0.3	0.6
McIntosh	1,888	47.4	51.5	0.5	0.5	0.2
Meriwether	3,877	36.4	62.7	0.1	0.1	0.6
Miller	1,226	59.3	40.6	0.0	0.0	0.1
Mitchell	4,348	38.1	61.1	2.0	0.1	0.6
Monroe	3,527	62.4	36.1	0.6	0.4	0.5
Montgomery	1,305	59.3	37.5	3.0	0.0	0.3
Morgan	2,914	62.4	35.4	1.2	0.2	0.8
Murray	6,499	94.9	0.3	3.8	0.2	0.8
Muscogee	32,364	35.2	59.5	2.7	1.3	1.3

County	Total Number	White Percent	Black Percent	Hispanic Percent	Asian Percent	Other Percent
Newton	19,523	68.2	30.0	1.8	0.2	1.7
Oconee	5,238	87.0	7.8	2.9	1.8	0.5
Oglethorpe	2,067	72.7	25.9	1.1	0.1	0.1
Paulding	15,098	90.7	7.4	1.1	0.2	0.7
Peach	4,324	41.8	53.2	4.0	0.4	0.6
Pickens	3,898	96.6	1.6	1.1	0.2	0.5
Pierce	3,066	82.7	14.1	1.8	0.3	1.1
Pike	2,557	78.9	18.5	0.9	0.4	0.4
Polk	6,736	74.5	18.3	6.5	0.3	0.4
Pulaski	1,566	54.3	43.4	0.7	0.5	1.0
Putnam	2,509	44.6	51.5	2.2	1.2	0.5
Quitman	241	17.8	80.9	0.0	0.0	2.1
Rabun	2,061	94.1	0.6	3.7	0.6	0.9
Randolph	1,999	11.7	87.8	0.6	0.1	0.5
Richmond	35,215	27.8	67.5	1.5	1.9	1.8
Rockdale	13,412	71.2	21.9	3.8	2.3	0.9
Schley	623	66.8	31.1	1.8	0.9	0.3
Screven	3,143	41.8	58.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Seminole	1,826	46.2	50.6	3.0	0.2	0.2
Spalding	10,314	53.5	44.3	0.9	0.8	0.5
Stephens	4,291	81.3	16.4	0.5	0.4	1.4
Stewart	832	5.4	94.0	0.1	0.2	0.2
Sumter	5,525	24.8	71.6	2.4	0.5	0.7
Talbot	848	2.7	97.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Taliaferro	137	9.5	88.4	2.2	0.0	2.9
Tattnall	3,206	52.4	36.1	9.6	0.4	1.5
Taylor	1,712	46.6	52.9	1.0	0.1	0.5
Telfair	1,759	49.5	49.2	0.4	0.6	0.4
Terrell	1,834	3.6	95.6	0.5	0.1	0.2
Thomas	8,374	48.1	49.9	1.1	0.3	0.7
Tift	7,254	53.2	39.2	6.4	0.6	0.6
Toombs	4,985	57.6	33.6	7.6	0.4	0.7
Towns	956	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Treutlen	1,244	58.4	40.7	0.7	0.2	0.0
Troup	11,940	56.2	41.3	0.9	0.2	1.4
Turner	1,894	41.3	56.9	1.3	0.4	0.2
Twiggs	1,662	36.3	63.0	0.2	0.1	0.5
Union	2,828	99.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3
Upson	4,809	62.9	35.8	0.5	0.4	0.4
Walker	9,831	93.2	4.8	0.5	0.5	1.0
Walton	10,397	75.9	20.0	1.8	1.1	1.1
Ware	6,230	58.9	38.5	1.7	0.4	0.4
Warren	944	4.9	94.2	0.2	0.0	0.7
Washington	3,952	29.1	70.1	0.2	0.1	0.5
Wayne	4,957	70.2	26.1	2.5	0.5	0.6
Webster	361	46.5	51.2	1.4	0.0	0.8
Wheeler	1,041	57.7	37.1	4.2	0.1	0.9
White	3,064	94.9	2.4	0.8	0.6	1.3
Whitfield	16,182	76.0	4.4	23.1	0.3	2.2
Wilcox	1,313	54.1	45.2	0.5	0.2	0.1
Wilkes	1,888	43.5	54.6	0.7	0.3	0.9
Wilkinson	1,773	38.1	59.9	0.5	0.1	0.5
Worth	4,387	56.6	41.7	0.9	0.3	0.5
Georgia	**1,391,578**	**54.7**	**37.9**	**4.0**	**2.1**	**1.3**

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Families Starting At Risk Of Poverty. *First births to mothers with at least one risk factor, number 1997-1999, rates (per 100) for 1994-1996 and 1997-1999, and percent change between the two time periods. First births to mothers with all three risk factors, number and rate (per 100) for 1997-1999. Risk factors are unmarried, less than high school education, and less than 20 years old.*

	AT LEAST ONE				ALL THREE	
County	1997-99 Number	1994-96 Rate	1997-99 Rate	Percent Change	1997-99 Number	1997-99 Rate
Appling	193	56.6	58.1	4.7	58	17.5
Atkinson	146	73.8	68.9	-6.3	50	23.9
Bacon	116	64.7	67.1	3.7	38	22.0
Baker	41	76.0	69.5	-8.7	12	20.3
Baldwin	388	62.5	61.7	-1.2	128	20.3
Banks	103	51.8	53.4	4.7	37	19.2
Barrow	304	45.1	41.3	-8.4	123	12.9
Bartow	616	58.4	51.9	1.2	299	18.7
Ben Hill	238	72.3	68.4	-5.4	95	27.3
Berrien	103	56.4	51.2	-9.2	51	15.5
Bibb	1,744	68.4	59.3	-1.8	659	22.4
Bleckley	117	57.9	65.8	12.5	37	20.6
Brantley	79	52.4	58.1	10.9	23	16.9
Brooks	142	71.8	70.0	-2.6	56	27.6
Bryan	237	48.4	48.7	0.5	74	15.2
Bulloch	410	51.7	47.8	-7.7	109	12.7
Burke	337	71.2	75.4	5.9	122	27.3
Butts	171	63.3	57.8	-8.7	71	24.0
Calhoun	94	69.6	71.2	2.3	24	20.3
Camden	346	38.7	38.9	3.1	80	9.2
Candler	107	55.8	61.1	9.5	31	17.7
Carroll	804	52.0	53.2	2.2	240	15.9
Catoosa	374	58.1	47.2	-5.9	130	16.4
Charlton	94	57.5	62.3	8.2	38	25.2
Chatham	2,409	54.9	55.5	1.2	748	17.2
Chattahoochee	98	32.7	34.3	4.8	25	9.1
Chattooga	276	63.2	67.3	6.5	70	16.9
Cherokee	804	27.2	30.8	13.0	227	8.7
Clarke	700	48.5	48.5	-2.1	240	14.7
Clay	53	72.1	61.6	-14.6	22	25.6
Clayton	2,929	57.2	61.4	7.4	734	15.4
Clinch	95	61.3	62.8	4.0	33	22.1
Cobb	4,110	33.2	35.0	6.5	814	6.9
Coffee	494	64.7	64.1	-1.0	182	23.6
Colquitt	488	58.8	57.3	-2.1	168	23.3
Columbia	486	35.5	34.5	-2.9	156	10.8
Cook	195	63.9	56.6	-11.5	69	21.9
Coweta	618	42.6	37.7	-10.3	211	12.9
Crawford	94	60.1	48.6	-20.2	19	10.9
Crisp	304	68.4	75.2	10.0	147	35.4
Dade	116	58.0	51.1	-11.9	27	11.9
Dawson	115	36.8	37.7	2.5	34	11.1
Decatur	355	66.2	68.7	3.7	148	28.6
DeKalb	6,891	48.2	52.8	7.4	1,393	10.7
Dodge	169	57.1	52.6	-7.9	65	15.1
Dooly	171	74.9	71.0	-5.2	69	28.2
Dougherty	1,366	67.6	68.3	1.0	528	28.4
Douglas	690	43.0	41.8	-2.8	184	11.2
Early	148	74.9	69.2	-7.6	57	25.6
Echols	11	67.9	64.7	-4.6	3	*
Effingham	239	48.2	45.2	-6.3	103	16.1
Elbert	201	61.9	62.8	1.4	91	28.4
Emanuel	215	68.5	77.0	10.9	122	29.8

	AT LEAST ONE				ALL THREE	
County	1997-99 Number	1994-96 Rate	1997-99 Rate	Percent Change	1997-99 Number	1997-99 Rate
Evans	121	70.5	59.6	-15.6	42	20.7
Fannin	150	55.4	53.7	-3.0	41	13.9
Fayette	296	27.5	30.0	9.1	83	6.4
Floyd	811	55.4	55.8	0.7	263	18.1
Forsyth	437	24.4	21.3	-12.5	105	5.1
Franklin	164	56.1	56.4	0.5	62	21.3
Fulton	7,807	51.9	50.2	-3.2	2,361	15.2
Gilmer	232	56.8	59.6	5.0	79	19.6
Glascock	15	66.7	42.9	-35.7	2	*
Glynn	667	59.1	61.8	4.6	246	22.8
Gordon	499	53.7	58.7	9.4	138	16.2
Grady	264	65.6	66.2	0.9	80	20.1
Greene	163	72.5	72.4	0.0	51	22.7
Gwinnett	3,281	25.0	29.4	17.4	569	6.0
Habersham	323	54.2	53.4	-1.5	85	14.0
Hall	1,502	55.8	56.2	0.7	427	15.0
Hancock	144	67.4	67.8	0.4	42	25.6
Haralson	236	56.8	52.9	-6.9	72	16.1
Harris	154	48.1	44.8	11.6	37	10.8
Hart	171	56.3	56.3	0.0	37	12.2
Heard	117	61.8	59.7	-3.4	35	17.9
Henry	774	32.5	34.3	5.4	228	10.1
Houston	905	48.4	48.7	0.6	228	12.5
Irwin	83	60.8	55.7	-8.4	29	19.5
Jackson	416	55.7	52.9	-5.1	116	14.7
Jasper	89	63.0	58.6	-7.1	34	22.4
Jeff Davis	192	59.4	68.6	15.4	57	20.4
Jefferson	242	73.5	73.3	-0.2	83	25.2
Jenkins	106	72.7	70.1	-3.6	47	30.5
Johnson	106	69.8	63.5	-8.8	42	24.7
Jones	163	49.7	57.2	15.1	47	14.7
Lamar	174	64.8	63.8	-1.6	62	22.5
Lanier	61	69.0	61.6	-5.3	21	21.2
Laurens	486	59.7	62.5	4.7	165	21.2
Lee	177	46.3	47.6	4.9	78	21.0
Liberty	786	64.3	62.4	-4.1	163	8.6
Lincoln	85	69.3	69.6	0.5	16	14.7
Long	165	69.5	61.5	2.8	25	12.3
Lowndes	905	52.6	52.3	-0.6	283	15.9
Lumpkin	136	47.1	46.2	-2.0	46	15.4
Macon	185	77.9	78.7	1.2	75	31.9
Madison	233	61.6	66.8	8.5	63	15.1
Marion	97	66.7	67.7	1.5	24	24.2
McDuffie	277	65.4	67.8	3.4	106	25.9
McIntosh	141	68.7	73.4	6.9	47	24.5
Meriwether	270	75.6	70.3	-7.0	95	24.7
Miller	97	63.2	67.8	6.1	23	23.0
Mitchell	308	71.9	73.7	2.5	107	25.6
Monroe	183	56.8	55.5	-2.3	55	16.7
Montgomery	77	68.8	66.3	10.8	26	22.8
Morgan	149	60.7	58.1	-4.4	59	20.7
Murray	406	60.4	63.0	8.7	139	20.3
Muscogee	2,681	57.1	57.5	0.8	732	20.2

	AT LEAST ONE				ALL THREE	
County	1997-99 Number	1994-96 Rate	1997-99 Rate	Percent Change	1997-99 Number	1997-99 Rate
Newton	557	51.7	48.4	-6.5	162	14.1
Oconee	162	34.3	32.8	-4.7	31	9.7
Oglethorpe	97	50.6	49.0	-3.2	33	16.7
Paulding	397	29.9	25.3	-15.3	112	7.1
Peach	303	64.7	66.0	2.0	108	23.5
Pickens	170	43.0	48.7	13.4	43	12.3
Pierce	159	63.9	54.8	-14.2	43	14.8
Pike	111	55.6	47.4	-16.2	37	15.8
Polk	451	63.9	61.2	-4.2	142	19.3
Pulaski	94	57.3	58.6	2.0	36	22.4
Putnam	163	57.8	64.4	11.5	62	21.8
Quitman	30	71.4	81.1	13.5	8	21.6
Rabun	111	42.0	52.9	26.0	29	13.8
Randolph	118	78.3	78.1	-0.2	54	34.8
Richmond	2,437	66.8	62.5	2.8	884	26.6
Rockdale	450	44.0	48.0	9.2	129	13.8
Schley	43	52.1	54.2	3.4	17	21.4
Screven	185	67.4	67.8	0.6	66	28.5
Seminole	119	69.3	74.6	24.2	50	31.4
Spalding	687	64.0	65.0	1.6	206	27.1
Stephens	251	48.7	52.5	7.8	67	14.0
Stewart	56	74.3	66.7	-10.3	17	20.2
Sumter	427	66.3	67.0	1.2	166	26.1
Talbot	78	76.3	67.3	-11.8	17	14.3
Taliaferro	28	64.7	77.8	20.2	9	25.0
Tattnall	245	64.4	64.5	0.0	91	23.9
Taylor	101	67.3	68.7	2.1	40	27.2
Telfair	116	69.0	59.5	-13.8	46	23.1
Terrell	163	74.6	78.0	4.6	77	36.9
Thomas	345	64.0	65.8	2.8	205	34.7
Tift	505	63.0	65.3	2.4	191	24.7
Toombs	332	68.1	66.3	-2.7	116	23.2
Towns	46	40.4	41.1	1.5	11	9.0
Treutlen	62	78.4	68.5	-1.3	26	32.9
Troup	604	61.0	59.9	-1.8	199	16.7
Turner	123	64.2	71.9	12.1	52	30.4
Twiggs	126	64.7	73.0	12.8	45	23.9
Union	97	53.0	48.0	-6.4	21	10.4
Upson	301	64.6	65.6	1.5	107	23.3
Walker	570	59.8	55.4	-7.2	183	18.8
Walton	488	43.4	42.3	-2.7	152	13.4
Ware	300	66.7	61.1	-8.4	101	22.1
Warren	76	78.9	76.0	-3.7	13	13.0
Washington	213	61.5	65.7	6.9	103	31.8
Wayne	271	59.4	61.6	3.7	96	21.8
Webster	24	69.2	64.9	-6.3	8	21.6
Wheeler	54	64.3	63.5	-1.2	17	20.0
White	131	44.4	45.2	1.7	36	12.4
Whitfield	1,239	63.2	64.2	1.5	349	18.1
Wilcox	84	70.4	62.7	-11.0	26	19.4
Wilkes	163	68.5	66.8	-2.5	42	26.4
Wilkinson	149	65.7	66.5	1.3	62	18.8
Worth	305	62.5	63.3	1.2	79	24.4
Georgia	**75,999**	**59.2**	**58.3**	**0.3**	**22,421**	**14.9**

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Economic Well–Being

Georgia's economy has experienced tremendous prosperity over the past decade. Whether measured by median household income or per capita income, unemployment or average weekly wage, there are many signs of economic vitality that contribute significantly to the well-being of children.

Yet this relative affluence is not shared equally among all families. There are still children who live in sub-standard housing, go to school hungry in the morning, or lack other basic necessities of life. There are parents who struggle to provide for their children by working long hours, traveling great distances, or making other sacrifices in the hope of realizing a better future for their children.

Economic security is the necessary first step to giving a child the opportunity to realize his or her potential. Because poverty affects virtually every area of a child's life, it is one of the most widely used and powerful indicators of child well-being.

Children in Poverty

This indicator represents the percentage of children under the age of 18 living at or below the federal poverty level. In 1997, there were 470,440 children living in poverty. This was a child poverty rate of 23%, a decrease from 25% in 1993. Data for 1993, 1995 and 1997 are poverty estimates produced by the US Census Bureau. New data from the 2000 Census will provide a more complete picture.

Counties with one-third or more of children living in poverty

	Percent		Percent
Clay	47	Brooks	37
Quitman	44	Evans	37
Early	44	Jenkins	37
Taliaferro	43	Mitchell	37
Randolph	43	Dougherty	36
Crisp	42	Johnson	36
Calhoun	42	Toombs	36
Seminole	40	Wheeler	36
Terrell	39	Telfair	36
Dooly	39	McIntosh	35
Emanuel	39	Miller	35
Wilcox	39	Sumter	35
Treutlen	39	Candler	35
Macon	39	Colquitt	35
Hancock	39	Ware	35
Taylor	38	Burke	34
Warren	38	Grady	34
Turner	38	Washington	34
Peach	38	Montgomery	33
Stewart	37	Long	33
Tattnall	37	Bibb	33
Jefferson	37	Atkinson	33
Decatur	37	Dodge	33
Baker	37	Lanier	33
		Richmond	33

Georgia's 2001 National Rank

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in percent of Children in Poverty

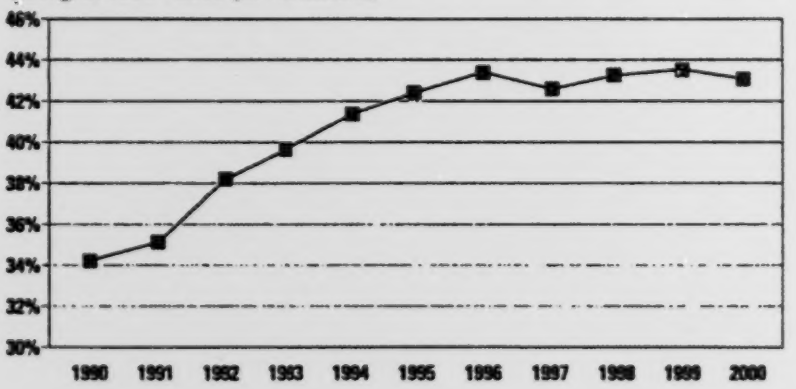
Median Household Income

This indicator represents the dollar amount that divides the income distribution into two equal groups — half with income above the median and half with income below the median. The median household income provides one measure of the ability of Georgia families to meet the costs of food, clothing, housing, health care, transportation, child care and education. In 1997, the median household income in Georgia was $36,372.

Students Eligible to Receive Free or Reduced Price School Lunch

This indicator represents the percentage of students eligible for free or reduced price lunch in public schools. To receive a reduced price meal, household income must be below 185% of the federal poverty level. For free meals, household income must fall below 130% of poverty. Hunger can have a detrimental impact on children's physical and cognitive development. School nutrition programs are an effective way to reduce childhood hunger and ensure that students are ready to learn. In 2000, 43% of students were eligible for free or reduced price school lunch. This was a substantial increase from 34% in 1990.

Students Eligible to Receive Free or Reduced Price School Lunch, Georgia, 1990 - 2000 (per 100 students)



Children Receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

This indicator represents the average monthly number and the percentage of children under age 18 receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF). Georgia has a 4-year lifetime limit on cash assistance. An adult TANF recipient with a child over age 1 is required to participate in a work activity. A family of 3 (mother and 2 children) may qualify for TANF if their gross income is below $784 a month and assets are worth less than $1000. In 1999, a monthly average of 115,797 children received TANF. This was 6% or more than 1 out of every 20 children in Georgia.

Children Receiving Food Stamps

This indicator represents the average monthly number and the percentage of children under age 18 receiving food stamps. Households whose gross income is no more than 130% of the federal poverty level and who have no more than $2000 in assets may qualify for food stamps. In 1998, a monthly average of 292,831 children received food stamps. This was 15% of the children in Georgia.

Counties with largest percentage of children receiving TANF

Terrell	19%
Clay	18%
Warren	17%
Sumter	17%
Randolph	17%
Crisp	16%
Dougherty	16%
Richmond	16%
Hancock	16%
Quitman	15%

Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2001

Family Size	Income
1	$8,590
2	$11,610
3	$14,630
4	$17,650
5	$20,670
6	$23,690
7	$26,710
8	$29,730

Percentage of Poverty Guidelines	Family Size 2 People	3 People	4 People
100%	$11,610	$14,630	$17,650
130%	$15,093	$19,019	$22,945
185%	$21,479	$27,066	$32,653
200%	$23,220	$29,260	$35,300
250%	$29,025	$36,575	$44,125

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Children In Poverty And Median Household Income.

Child poverty estimates for ages under 18 and 5-17 (number and percent) and median household income, 1997.

County	Ages 0-17 Number	Ages 0-17 Percent	Ages 5-17 Number	Ages 5-17 Percent	Median Income
Appling	1,418	29.2	1,023	28.7	$29,629
Atkinson	736	32.7	536	33.3	$24,463
Bacon	1,010	32.3	745	32.5	$25,594
Baker	383	38.6	280	38.7	$25,281
Baldwin	2,373	25.2	1,612	23.8	$31,153
Banks	816	23.7	545	21.9	$33,881
Barrow	2,166	18.6	1,504	18.1	$37,258
Bartow	3,742	18.7	2,481	17.8	$37,468
Ben Hill	1,663	30.7	1,177	30.1	$28,126
Berrien	1,381	30.8	946	30.4	$27,848
Bibb	13,668	33.0	8,753	30.3	$32,953
Bleckley	834	26.0	569	25.7	$31,799
Brantley	1,295	30.1	798	27.9	$29,439
Brooks	1,773	30.8	1,186	34.0	$26,002
Bryan	1,397	18.2	961	17.5	$39,198
Bulloch	3,472	28.2	2,407	28.8	$30,483
Burke	2,867	34.4	1,884	33.9	$23,787
Butts	1,126	24.0	772	23.3	$32,193
Calhoun	630	42.3	436	39.9	$21,573
Camden	2,229	15.1	1,530	16.3	$37,797
Candler	899	34.9	624	34.1	$25,817
Carroll	5,256	23.4	3,471	22.0	$34,061
Catoosa	2,296	17.7	1,586	17.1	$35,597
Charlton	878	29.5	629	30.7	$27,357
Chatham	17,605	29.8	11,532	29.2	$33,639
Chattahoochee	712	14.7	558	16.4	$36,899
Chattooga	1,316	22.9	912	22.4	$27,509
Cherokee	3,442	9.0	2,312	9.3	$54,423
Clarke	5,125	25.7	3,498	25.7	$30,664
Clay	479	47.2	350	46.9	$28,277
Clayton	13,495	22.8	8,870	20.0	$36,366
Clinch	661	32.3	476	32.9	$25,826
Cobb	15,287	10.6	9,598	9.8	$52,924
Coffee	3,086	29.6	2,142	29.1	$28,484
Colquitt	4,112	34.9	2,820	33.5	$26,039
Columbia	3,197	11.7	2,113	10.9	$50,345
Cook	1,339	30.8	937	30.4	$26,448
Coweta	4,827	16.2	2,733	16.1	$44,483
Crawford	676	22.4	473	22.2	$33,827
Crisp	2,657	42.4	1,818	40.8	$23,859
Dade	857	22.2	605	21.8	$38,079
Dawson	724	17.5	518	18.2	$40,128
Decatur	2,563	36.7	2,044	34.4	$25,377
DeKalb	33,094	22.9	19,875	20.1	$42,767
Dodge	1,554	32.7	1,101	32.6	$25,488
Dooly	1,254	39.2	876	37.9	$22,886
Dougherty	10,468	36.4	6,916	34.3	$23,658
Douglas	3,722	14.7	2,448	13.8	$40,394
Early	1,597	43.5	1,116	42.2	$22,525
Echols	231	31.6	167	30.8	$38,000
Effingham	1,884	16.4	1,398	16.5	$41,511
Elbert	1,487	28.9	1,024	27.7	$27,995
Emanuel	2,530	36.1	1,725	36.6	$27,876
Evans	1,074	36.6	764	36.7	$25,859
Fannin	1,133	20.9	800	20.5	$26,062
Fayette	1,511	6.9	1,002	6.4	$60,309
Floyd	6,186	25.3	3,949	23.5	$33,584
Forsyth	1,895	8.2	1,249	8.1	$60,259
Franklin	1,176	23.9	811	25.3	$28,909
Fulton	54,114	29.8	33,987	27.5	$38,047
Gilmer	1,141	24.7	772	23.6	$28,887
Glascock	139	23.8	97	22.3	$28,625
Glynn	4,864	28.5	3,879	30.0	$35,077
Gordon	2,366	20.7	1,523	18.4	$33,826
Grady	2,002	34.2	1,369	31.9	$25,527
Greene	1,272	22.4	886	21.9	$27,011
Gwinnett	13,827	8.6	8,169	8.2	$56,067
Habersham	1,391	17.2	999	16.7	$33,062
Hall	6,316	20.0	3,957	18.6	$36,436
Hancock	1,676	38.5	776	37.4	$21,236
Haralson	1,727	26.6	1,169	25.9	$30,043
Harris	928	15.2	626	15.2	$46,645
Hart	1,354	25.2	966	25.2	$30,794
Heard	734	25.9	534	25.3	$30,441
Henry	3,877	10.5	1,980	9.8	$46,548
Houston	5,867	15.9	3,727	16.0	$41,186
Irwin	781	29.2	573	29.8	$26,957
Jackson	2,287	22.5	1,541	21.7	$34,833
Jasper	769	25.5	513	25.6	$34,164
Jeff Davis	1,037	29.8	721	27.9	$26,810
Jefferson	2,024	37.8	1,425	36.3	$23,243
Jenkins	886	36.6	657	37.4	$22,686
Johnson	890	36.4	637	36.3	$24,315
Jones	1,118	17.6	807	17.8	$36,176
Lamar	1,024	26.5	702	25.3	$30,332
Lanier	896	32.7	518	34.1	$24,428
Laurens	3,794	30.4	2,554	28.5	$28,958
Lee	1,087	14.4	804	14.3	$44,326
Liberty	4,915	25.6	3,187	27.5	$29,908
Lincoln	648	29.1	449	27.9	$27,834
Long	882	33.3	614	36.7	$27,388
Lowndes	7,143	23.4	4,846	25.0	$30,296
Lumpkin	1,832	21.5	733	22.1	$35,598
Macon	1,882	38.7	1,139	37.1	$24,175
Madison	1,417	21.8	995	21.3	$33,855
Marion	534	32.1	462	33.5	$25,355
McDuffie	1,983	29.7	1,231	29.2	$28,288
McIntosh	978	35.1	685	34.5	$24,357
Meriwether	2,024	28.1	1,467	31.1	$27,348
Miller	612	35.1	448	34.8	$25,283
Mitchell	2,448	30.8	1,762	30.8	$24,898
Monroe	1,181	22.8	889	21.5	$34,318
Montgomery	669	33.4	481	33.3	$24,934
Morgan	1,034	24.8	728	24.3	$33,185
Murray	1,910	19.2	1,225	18.8	$33,175
Muscogee	14,257	29.5	9,387	27.8	$31,349
Newton	3,465	21.8	2,373	21.8	$37,415
Oconee	799	11.5	577	12.8	$47,899
Oglethorpe	679	22.1	483	22.6	$33,286
Paulding	2,703	12.1	1,882	12.7	$44,575
Peach	2,469	37.6	1,743	36.3	$29,857
Pickens	1,882	21.2	741	21.4	$36,883
Pierce	1,343	30.3	949	29.8	$28,318
Pike	615	18.2	431	18.3	$35,852
Polk	2,539	28.1	1,722	25.3	$29,437
Pulaski	781	30.4	602	29.5	$29,129
Putnam	1,197	26.5	825	25.4	$32,986
Quitman	387	44.2	214	47.4	$28,838
Rabun	662	23.6	467	22.3	$29,803
Randolph	1,022	43.2	756	43.3	$28,481
Richmond	16,993	32.5	10,643	30.3	$30,336
Rockdale	2,744	14.3	1,811	13.4	$48,532
Schley	338	28.7	256	30.7	$28,479
Screven	1,378	32.4	978	31.9	$26,631
Seminole	1,045	29.8	742	30.3	$24,521
Spalding	4,166	25.4	2,819	24.6	$33,073
Stephens	1,591	25.2	1,107	25.6	$29,980
Stewart	658	37.4	415	36.8	$21,518
Sumter	3,275	35.1	2,242	33.8	$28,247
Talbot	599	32.8	467	34.1	$25,356
Taliaferro	228	43.4	174	45.4	$20,789
Tattnall	1,792	37.3	1,178	34.6	$26,649
Taylor	886	38.4	641	38.2	$22,986
Telfair	1,191	35.8	854	35.2	$22,159
Terrell	1,312	38.3	932	38.7	$23,292
Thomas	3,707	25.9	2,727	28.8	$27,741
Tift	3,328	31.0	2,262	30.4	$29,526
Toombs	2,855	36.3	1,988	35.4	$24,864
Towns	355	25.2	234	23.2	$28,170
Treutlen	670	38.8	469	37.5	$23,362
Troup	4,809	24.2	2,737	23.7	$32,523
Turner	1,119	38.9	818	38.8	$22,686
Twiggs	889	29.3	721	32.4	$26,941
Union	813	22.5	606	23.4	$28,294
Upson	1,736	24.8	1,221	24.8	$29,899
Walker	3,324	20.6	2,273	19.6	$36,675
Walton	3,221	20.8	2,315	21.5	$36,324
Ware	3,274	34.9	2,283	33.7	$25,986
Warren	854	38.3	476	38.9	$22,539
Washington	1,992	34.2	1,364	32.9	$28,882
Wayne	2,343	21.7	1,652	21.5	$36,376
Webster	158	26.7	119	27.2	$26,051
Wheeler	525	36.1	391	37.9	$22,895
White	628	20.8	965	19.6	$32,377
Whitfield	4,254	19.4	2,730	18.8	$35,754
Wilcox	526	36.8	387	36.9	$23,291
Wilkes	855	31.2	669	29.4	$26,224
Wilkinson	826	25.6	629	27.1	$26,958
Worth	2,167	31.6	1,666	33.8	$23,521
Georgia	**470,448**	**22.8**	**311,355**	**21.8**	**$36,372**

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Students Eligible To Receive Free Or Reduced-Price School Lunch. *Students eligible for free or reduced-price school lunch, number for the 1999-2000 school year, rates (per 100 students) for the 1998-1999 and 1999-2000 school years, and percent change between the two time periods*

County	2000 Number	1999 Rate	2000 Rate	Percent Change
Appling	1,915	58.1	56.9	-2.2
Atkinson	1,281	83.2	83.8	0.8
Bacon	975	47.4	50.2	5.9
Baker	368	87.0	90.6	4.1
Baldwin	3,999	53.2	56.1	5.3
Banks	1,212	52.9	50.1	-3.7
Barrow	2,486	31.6	30.3	-4.1
Bartow	5,612	37.3	36.9	-1.0
Ben Hill	2,003	59.6	59.0	-0.9
Berrien	1,589	48.6	49.8	2.4
Bibb	14,691	61.1	59.5	-2.7
Bleckley	1,121	48.8	47.0	-3.7
Brantley	1,053	59.2	61.2	1.9
Brooks	2,699	75.5	75.5	-0.1
Bryan	1,837	36.1	35.3	-2.2
Bulloch	4,348	50.6	51.5	1.9
Burke	3,714	76.0	76.2	0.2
Butts	1,444	46.5	45.1	-2.9
Calhoun	752	100.0	94.8	-5.2
Camden	3,871	35.7	39.9	11.5
Candler	1,242	64.8	65.4	0.8
Carroll	6,467	40.8	41.6	2.0
Catoosa	2,765	29.6	28.4	-3.5
Charlton	1,168	57.0	57.7	1.1
Chatham	18,170	52.3	50.3	-3.8
Chattahoochee	345	71.5	67.4	-5.8
Chattooga	1,699	41.8	41.0	-1.9
Cherokee	3,345	14.1	13.4	-4.9
Clarke	8,594	58.2	58.1	-0.1
Clay	332	88.7	89.5	0.9
Clayton	24,511	52.6	54.1	2.9
Clinch	913	64.4	61.4	-4.7
Cobb	21,331	19.9	21.2	6.1
Coffee	4,586	59.1	61.6	4.2
Colquitt	4,748	54.8	56.4	3.1
Columbia	3,464	19.7	18.5	-5.9
Cook	1,723	57.3	53.5	-6.7
Coweta	4,450	28.7	27.5	-4.4
Crawford	1,128	52.5	53.9	2.7
Crisp	3,182	69.5	69.0	-0.6
Dade	1,818	36.6	38.2	4.2
Dawson	817	28.8	30.8	7.0
Decatur	3,594	60.6	61.8	2.2
DeKalb	91,366	55.3	52.6	-4.9
Dodge	2,809	60.9	58.0	-4.7
Dooly	1,487	85.2	85.3	0.0
Dougherty	11,051	63.3	64.7	2.4
Douglas	4,778	27.7	28.1	1.6
Early	1,991	67.4	70.9	5.2
Echols	280	55.9	53.7	-4.1
Effingham	2,438	30.2	29.2	-3.5
Elbert	2,888	53.9	55.0	2.0
Emanuel	3,228	67.4	67.3	-0.2

County	2000 Number	1999 Rate	2000 Rate	Percent Change
Evans	1,386	66.3	66.0	0.0
Fannin	1,275	43.3	41.5	-4.3
Fayette	1,283	7.0	6.7	-4.2
Floyd	6,369	42.5	41.7	-1.9
Forsyth	1,525	12.7	12.3	-3.7
Franklin	1,332	40.4	37.0	-8.9
Fulton	66,575	53.3	52.6	-1.3
Gilmer	1,622	43.6	44.1	1.2
Glascock	289	48.9	51.2	2.7
Glynn	4,827	48.9	48.3	-1.4
Gordon	2,988	35.2	35.1	-0.3
Grady	2,385	54.0	52.2	-3.2
Greene	1,510	79.8	79.9	0.1
Gwinnett	19,298	18.9	18.8	0.7
Habersham	1,766	34.0	31.8	-6.3
Hall	8,576	36.9	36.7	-0.6
Hancock	1,541	81.9	86.6	6.9
Haralson	1,942	37.8	37.7	2.8
Harris	1,538	37.1	36.6	-1.4
Hart	1,386	42.4	40.4	-4.6
Heard	863	50.2	46.0	-8.3
Henry	3,884	18.5	17.5	-5.5
Houston	8,025	38.6	37.5	-2.7
Irwin	1,586	78.6	81.0	3.1
Jackson	3,078	42.9	40.8	-4.9
Jasper	1,192	80.5	98.8	-2.8
Jeff Davis	1,369	52.3	53.5	2.3
Jefferson	2,983	76.7	77.7	1.2
Jenkins	1,256	78.7	88.8	-1.2
Johnson	1,018	72.2	71.3	-1.2
Jones	1,503	31.1	31.7	1.8
Lamar	1,357	48.9	50.3	2.7
Lanier	838	80.5	82.3	2.9
Laurens	5,463	57.5	60.2	4.6
Lee	1,428	26.9	26.9	3.7
Liberty	5,509	49.1	49.3	0.5
Lincoln	903	57.6	58.0	2.4
Long	1,288	68.8	67.8	-0.3
Lowndes	7,729	48.4	47.6	-1.7
Lumpkin	1,184	34.4	33.8	-1.8
Macon	1,937	82.9	82.0	0.0
Madison	1,734	39.4	38.5	-2.3
Marion	1,282	65.7	64.9	-1.2
McDuffie	2,698	53.7	58.9	9.6
McIntosh	1,261	65.6	65.0	-0.9
Meriwether	2,986	77.8	72.0	-7.4
Miller	782	53.2	55.3	4.0
Mitchell	3,443	74.6	75.9	1.7
Monroe	1,517	42.1	40.9	-2.9
Montgomery	844	62.6	62.8	0.3
Morgan	1,245	44.0	42.0	-4.7
Murray	2,734	43.1	41.0	-4.8
Muscogee	18,321	52.8	55.0	4.1

County	2000 Number	1999 Rate	2000 Rate	Percent Change
Newton	4,427	41.5	40.5	-2.4
Oconee	671	17.9	16.6	-7.2
Oglethorpe	989	44.1	42.5	-3.6
Paulding	2,967	21.5	19.7	-8.3
Peach	2,303	58.1	57.8	-0.5
Pickens	1,218	37.4	33.2	-11.3
Pierce	1,827	54.4	56.4	3.8
Pike	756	32.7	29.1	-11.0
Polk	2,848	41.3	41.3	0.0
Pulaski	1,000	62.7	60.6	-3.4
Putnam	1,533	66.2	61.1	-7.7
Quitman	272	98.6	97.1	-2.5
Rabun	852	42.7	41.3	-3.4
Randolph	1,587	84.6	88.3	4.5
Richmond	24,427	66.6	67.6	1.6
Rockdale	3,443	25.3	25.4	0.6
Schley	482	66.1	60.6	-8.3
Screven	2,256	68.7	68.9	1.7
Seminole	1,290	65.7	66.1	0.7
Spalding	5,575	51.0	52.9	3.7
Stephens	1,688	39.0	39.0	2.8
Stewart	782	89.1	88.3	-0.9
Sumter	4,313	74.1	74.1	0.0
Talbot	794	88.5	90.0	1.7
Taliaferro	143	97.4	95.3	-2.2
Tattnall	2,148	67.9	63.6	-5.2
Taylor	1,384	68.1	72.9	4.2
Telfair	1,321	72.9	72.5	0.7
Terrell	1,587	100.9	83.4	-16.6
Thomas	5,131	58.3	58.2	-0.2
Tift	3,720	59.6	59.3	-0.7
Toombs	3,832	59.2	59.6	0.9
Towns	485	39.8	39.1	-1.9
Treutlen	845	86.8	85.6	-1.5
Troup	5,589	48.7	48.9	0.3
Turner	1,315	88.1	85.9	-2.2
Twiggs	1,376	76.8	77.2	0.6
Union	1,139	42.4	40.5	-4.4
Upson	2,982	46.5	52.0	11.9
Walker	4,294	42.1	43.0	2.3
Walton	3,898	37.6	35.6	-5.4
Ware	3,713	58.1	57.2	-1.4
Warren	868	85.9	86.8	1.1
Washington	2,748	67.6	68.3	2.0
Wayne	2,567	47.6	48.3	3.1
Webster	388	75.4	80.4	6.7
Wheeler	819	70.3	73.5	4.5
White	1,158	35.4	36.1	1.9
Whitfield	6,881	38.7	40.9	3.0
Wilcox	823	98.4	98.7	2.1
Wilkes	1,241	57.9	62.6	8.1
Wilkinson	1,233	62.2	65.7	5.6
Worth	2,621	57.0	58.1	2.0
Georgia	**811,015**	**43.4**	**42.9**	**-1.0**

Children Receiving Temporary Assistance To Needy Families. *Monthly average number of families on Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), monthly average number of children on TANF, child population, and percent of children on TANF for State Fiscal Year 1999.*

County	Number Families	Number Children	Child Population	Percent of Children on TANF
Appling	92	158	4,721	3.2
Atkinson	77	116	2,212	5.2
Bacon	138	214	3,071	7.0
Baker	76	115	1,047	11.0
Baldwin	402	725	9,577	7.7
Banks	48	65	3,395	1.9
Barrow	149	221	11,719	1.9
Bartow	207	312	20,119	1.6
Ben Hill	245	462	5,274	8.8
Berrien	176	307	4,499	6.8
Bibb	2,598	4,739	40,132	11.8
Bleckley	176	308	2,911	10.6
Brantley	75	105	4,046	2.6
Brooks	227	392	4,806	8.2
Bryan	140	224	7,743	2.9
Bulloch	476	862	11,772	6.8
Burke	448	849	7,654	11.1
Butts	82	134	4,699	2.9
Calhoun	112	204	1,416	14.4
Camden	112	177	14,224	1.2
Candler	119	204	2,458	8.3
Carroll	428	677	22,344	3.0
Catoosa	124	199	12,590	1.4
Charlton	49	67	2,876	2.3
Chatham	2,606	4,777	58,427	8.2
Chattahoochee	52	89	4,748	1.9
Chattooga	56	75	5,823	1.3
Cherokee	150	228	39,327	0.6
Clarke	721	1,216	18,892	6.5
Clay	108	188	992	18.1
Clayton	1,878	2,988	58,717	5.1
Clinch	124	183	1,973	9.3
Cobb	1,829	1,855	144,415	1.1
Coffee	265	448	10,386	4.3
Colquitt	530	924	11,674	7.9
Columbia	290	443	26,998	1.6
Cook	257	447	4,330	10.3
Coweta	289	465	25,245	1.8
Crawford	82	123	2,879	4.3
Crisp	516	1,003	6,082	16.5
Dade	43	62	3,748	1.7
Dawson	36	58	4,277	1.4
Decatur	909	924	7,877	11.8
Dekalb	4,387	7,779	141,289	5.5
Dodge	211	351	4,597	7.8
Dooly	179	315	3,121	10.1
Dougherty	2,349	4,298	27,419	15.8
Douglas	379	625	25,831	2.5
Early	277	517	3,599	14.4
Echols	16	31	767	4.0
Effingham	214	352	11,649	3.1
Elbert	207	337	5,883	6.7
Emanuel	251	396	8,289	9.5

County	Number Families	Number Children	Child Population	Percent of Children on TANF
Evans	135	229	2,935	7.8
Fannin	62	76	4,131	1.8
Fayette	121	198	25,326	0.8
Floyd	706	1,186	28,822	5.5
Forsyth	56	72	24,871	0.3
Franklin	90	142	4,421	3.2
Fulton	10,804	21,467	173,579	12.0
Gilmer	46	75	4,709	1.6
Glascock	21	33	574	5.7
Glynn	563	979	17,888	5.8
Gordon	171	273	10,989	2.8
Grady	325	552	5,979	9.3
Greene	139	227	4,233	5.4
Gwinnett	748	1,252	148,918	0.8
Habersham	77	104	7,457	1.4
Hall	434	699	31,784	2.2
Hancock	235	419	2,674	15.7
Haralson	138	227	6,494	3.5
Harris	94	153	5,598	2.8
Hart	146	229	5,362	4.3
Heard	43	58	2,535	2.8
Henry	226	344	30,678	1.1
Houston	962	1,431	29,288	4.9
Irwin	89	122	2,597	4.7
Jackson	183	268	19,238	2.6
Jasper	96	174	2,911	6.0
Jeff Davis	87	139	3,654	3.8
Jefferson	395	702	5,278	13.3
Jenkins	144	228	2,386	9.5
Johnson	134	251	2,376	10.6
Jones	94	122	8,223	2.8
Lamar	109	172	3,819	4.5
Lanier	85	132	2,046	6.5
Laurens	516	864	12,178	7.8
Lee	112	182	7,414	2.5
Liberty	987	1,833	18,782	5.5
Lincoln	87	136	2,153	6.0
Long	115	205	2,696	7.6
Lowndes	1,188	2,186	23,678	9.2
Lumpkin	71	102	4,776	2.1
Macon	319	516	4,038	12.8
Madison	147	225	6,527	3.4
Marion	72	121	1,934	6.0
Mcduffie	358	605	6,248	11.0
Mcintosh	101	156	2,745	5.7
Meriwether	195	338	6,554	5.2
Miller	89	169	1,705	9.9
Mitchell	427	774	6,586	11.7
Monroe	96	149	5,212	2.7
Montgomery	48	62	2,935	2.0
Morgan	98	146	4,143	3.5
Murray	80	113	9,474	1.2
Muscogee	2,886	5,115	47,828	10.7

County	Number Families	Number Children	Child Population	Percent of Children on TANF
Newton	344	603	15,633	3.6
Oconee	68	119	6,886	1.7
Oglethorpe	92	154	2,973	5.2
Paulding	156	239	23,106	1.0
Peach	488	825	6,586	12.5
Pickens	56	89	5,157	1.7
Pierce	137	228	4,327	5.1
Pike	46	62	3,460	1.8
Polk	247	402	9,529	4.2
Pulaski	111	189	2,194	8.5
Putnam	142	238	4,491	5.7
Quitman	53	93	603	15.4
Rabun	61	95	2,846	1.8
Randolph	230	395	2,357	16.8
Richmond	4,381	7,899	69,777	15.9
Rockdale	211	333	18,685	1.8
Schley	37	58	1,134	5.1
Screven	230	391	4,115	9.5
Seminole	195	328	2,580	12.8
Spalding	477	776	15,988	4.9
Stephens	139	216	5,833	3.7
Stewart	114	173	1,419	12.2
Sumter	818	1,541	9,193	16.9
Talbot	81	137	1,801	7.6
Taliaferro	36	52	515	10.1
Tattnall	257	452	4,706	9.6
Taylor	189	289	2,284	11.5
Telfair	174	321	3,159	10.2
Terrell	349	614	3,398	18.8
Thomas	639	1,146	11,963	9.6
Tift	402	701	10,564	6.6
Toombs	253	429	7,899	5.5
Towns	27	45	1,363	3.3
Treutlen	75	129	1,862	7.2
Troup	376	671	16,228	4.1
Turner	146	261	2,885	9.1
Twiggs	126	207	2,999	6.9
Union	65	81	3,964	1.7
Upson	247	382	6,742	5.8
Walker	396	695	15,999	2.3
Walton	424	737	19,853	4.6
Ware	477	817	9,123	9.9
Warren	162	288	1,648	17.8
Washington	487	721	5,746	12.5
Wayne	244	442	7,223	6.1
Webster	19	24	568	4.2
Wheeler	62	93	1,386	6.7
White	52	84	3,969	2.1
Whitfield	188	286	21,548	1.2
Wilcox	97	159	2,676	7.2
Wilkes	167	276	2,676	10.1
Wilkinson	186	284	3,128	8.1
Worth	373	662	6,732	10.3
Georgia	68,116	115,757	2,044,688	5.7

Children Receiving Food Stamps. Number of children receiving food stamps, child population, and percent of children receiving food stamps for 1998.

County	Number Child Recipients	Child Population	Percent
Appling	655	4,681	14.0
Atkinson	315	2,158	14.6
Bacon	457	3,070	14.9
Baker	316	1,059	29.9
Baldwin	1,639	9,525	17.2
Banks	298	3,319	9.0
Barrow	1,029	11,292	9.1
Bartow	1,495	19,909	7.5
Ben Hill	902	5,281	17.1
Berrien	827	4,436	18.6
Bibb	11,163	40,412	27.6
Bleckley	504	2,896	20.6
Brantley	865	3,950	16.8
Brooks	1,168	4,745	24.6
Bryan	656	7,452	8.8
Bulloch	1,962	11,751	16.7
Burke	1,948	7,551	25.8
Butts	585	4,549	12.9
Calhoun	477	1,439	33.2
Camden	1,080	14,306	7.4
Candler	532	2,490	21.4
Carroll	2,827	21,926	12.9
Catoosa	1,825	12,658	8.1
Charlton	483	2,870	17.2
Chatham	13,869	58,566	22.3
Chattahoochee	326	4,746	6.9
Chattooga	517	5,626	9.2
Cherokee	930	37,255	2.5
Clarke	3,377	18,669	18.1
Clay	365	984	37.1
Clayton	9,206	57,328	16.1
Clinch	414	1,978	20.9
Cobb	5,762	139,505	4.1
Coffee	1,497	10,181	14.7
Colquitt	2,254	11,480	20.0
Columbia	1,617	26,441	6.1
Cook	983	4,298	21.2
Coweta	2,184	24,848	8.7
Crawford	366	2,926	12.5
Crisp	2,075	6,123	33.9
Dade	317	3,898	8.6
Dawson	267	3,991	7.2
Decatur	2,199	7,998	27.5
DeKalb	21,186	140,374	15.1
Dodge	971	4,595	19.8
Dooly	731	3,101	23.6
Dougherty	8,523	27,889	30.6
Douglas	1,910	24,898	7.3
Early	1,236	3,622	35.8
Echols	146	713	20.5
Effingham	1,046	11,868	9.5
Elbert	934	5,030	18.6
Emanuel	1,541	6,302	24.5

County	Number Child Recipients	Child Population	Percent
Evans	629	2,898	21.7
Fannin	396	4,053	9.8
Fayette	475	24,497	1.9
Floyd	2,880	19,975	14.4
Forsyth	496	22,035	2.3
Franklin	535	4,395	12.2
Fulton	44,972	178,358	25.2
Gilmer	484	4,480	8.1
Glascock	68	559	12.4
Glynn	2,742	16,912	16.2
Gordon	919	10,771	8.5
Grady	1,223	5,974	20.5
Greene	886	4,115	21.5
Gwinnett	4,307	143,162	3.0
Habersham	355	7,237	4.9
Hall	2,950	30,677	9.6
Hancock	918	2,738	33.5
Haralson	745	6,358	11.7
Harris	456	5,497	8.3
Hart	761	5,291	14.4
Heard	317	2,812	11.3
Henry	1,982	28,282	3.8
Houston	3,471	28,861	12.0
Irwin	415	2,536	16.4
Jackson	1,095	9,880	11.1
Jasper	488	2,813	17.1
Jeff Davis	491	3,469	14.2
Jefferson	1,416	5,274	26.9
Jenkins	553	2,405	23.0
Johnson	636	2,383	26.7
Jones	541	6,185	8.8
Lamar	584	3,742	15.6
Lanier	369	2,051	18.0
Laurens	2,556	12,135	21.1
Lee	437	7,230	6.0
Liberty	3,097	16,573	18.7
Lincoln	363	2,143	16.9
Long	613	2,654	23.1
Lowndes	4,701	23,691	19.9
Lumpkin	486	4,599	10.6
Macon	1,573	4,099	28.2
Madison	631	6,527	10.0
Marion	370	1,999	19.4
McDuffie	1,333	6,225	21.4
McIntosh	513	2,733	18.6
Meriwether	1,235	6,592	18.8
Miller	385	1,737	21.8
Mitchell	1,578	6,599	25.5
Monroe	638	5,105	12.5
Montgomery	332	1,999	16.6
Morgan	543	4,099	13.3
Murray	541	9,113	5.9
Muscogee	10,577	46,029	22.9

County	Number Child Recipients	Child Population	Percent
Newton	2,009	15,918	12.6
Oconee	399	6,649	5.4
Oglethorpe	353	2,965	11.9
Paulding	953	21,558	4.4
Peach	1,575	6,185	25.8
Pickens	420	4,836	8.7
Pierce	634	4,353	14.6
Pike	216	3,332	6.5
Polk	1,107	9,451	11.7
Pulaski	605	2,218	28.5
Putnam	741	4,383	17.9
Quitman	198	622	31.8
Rabun	189	2,784	6.8
Randolph	786	2,308	33.2
Richmond	15,177	59,299	38.2
Rockdale	1,492	18,525	8.1
Schley	203	1,141	17.8
Screven	823	4,121	20.0
Seminole	707	2,561	27.6
Spalding	2,652	15,894	16.7
Stephens	863	5,878	14.7
Stewart	412	1,468	28.2
Sumter	2,995	9,110	32.4
Talbot	363	1,807	20.1
Taliaferro	144	518	27.8
Tattnall	1,918	4,827	22.0
Taylor	624	2,273	27.5
Telfair	795	3,222	23.7
Terrell	1,043	3,298	31.9
Thomas	2,188	12,048	18.2
Tift	1,872	10,583	17.8
Toombs	1,695	7,638	21.8
Towns	119	1,237	8.9
Treutlen	375	1,884	22.3
Troup	2,821	16,199	12.5
Turner	785	2,825	25.8
Twiggs	491	2,988	16.2
Union	235	3,424	6.9
Upson	1,999	6,736	15.7
Walker	1,272	15,570	8.2
Walton	1,744	14,918	11.7
Ware	1,995	9,196	21.3
Warren	535	1,665	32.1
Washington	1,423	5,743	24.8
Wayne	1,253	7,199	17.5
Webster	74	557	13.0
Wheeler	235	1,395	17.1
White	236	3,907	6.3
Whitfield	1,238	21,243	5.8
Wilcox	405	2,045	23.7
Wilkes	597	2,693	22.2
Wilkinson	561	3,140	17.9
Worth	1,438	6,749	21.2
Georgia	**282,831**	**2,005,406**	**14.5**

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Health

Georgia made great strides in improving the health of children and families in the past decade as evidenced by declining infant mortality and teen birth rates and reductions in the percentage of babies born to mothers who receive no prenatal care. In the case of teen births and prenatal care, the biggest gains occurred among the black population which helped to narrow the gap between the two races.

With the expansion of Medicaid and the creation of PeachCare (Georgia's version of the federal Children's Health Insurance Program) the availability of health care for pregnant women and children improved during the past decade. PeachCare provides medical and dental coverage for children if their families' incomes are up to 235% of the federal poverty level but above the Medicaid guidelines. This has made health care available to far more Georgia children.

Despite these advances, Georgia continues to rank near the bottom when compared to the other states and the District of Columbia. Remaining challenges include improving the accessibility and quality of health care services and bringing the eligible uninsured into the Medicaid/PeachCare system.

Low Birthweight Babies

This indicator represents the percentage of live births with birthweights less than 2,500 grams (5.5 lbs). In 1999, 9% of infants were born weighing less than 2,500 grams. This was identical to the 1990 rate. In 1999, black infants were nearly twice as likely to be born low birthweight as white infants, 13% compared to 7%.

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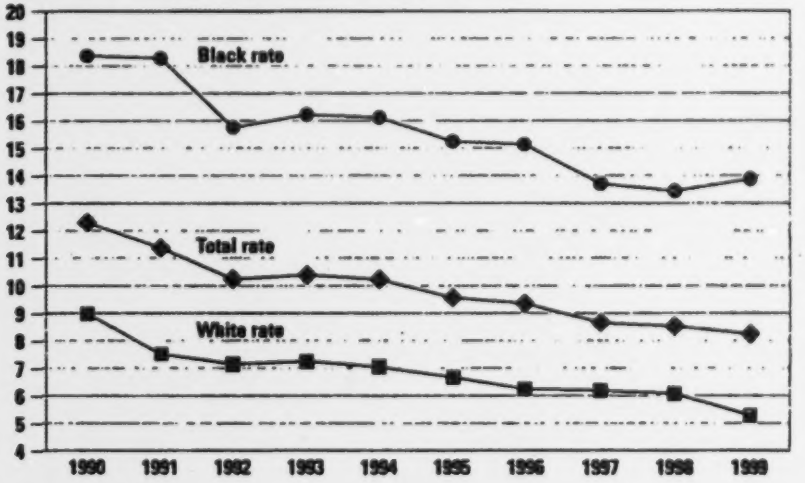
in percent of Low Birthweight Babies

Infant Mortality

This indicator represents the number of infants who die in their first year of life per 1,000 live births. In 1999 there were 1,035 infant deaths in Georgia, a rate of 8.2 per 1000 live births. This was a substantial reduction from the 1990 rate of 12.4 per 1000 live births. While both the rates among black and white infants declined over the decade, there continued to be a significant gap between the two races.

Infant Mortality, Georgia, 1990 - 1999 (per 1,000)



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in Infant Mortality Rate

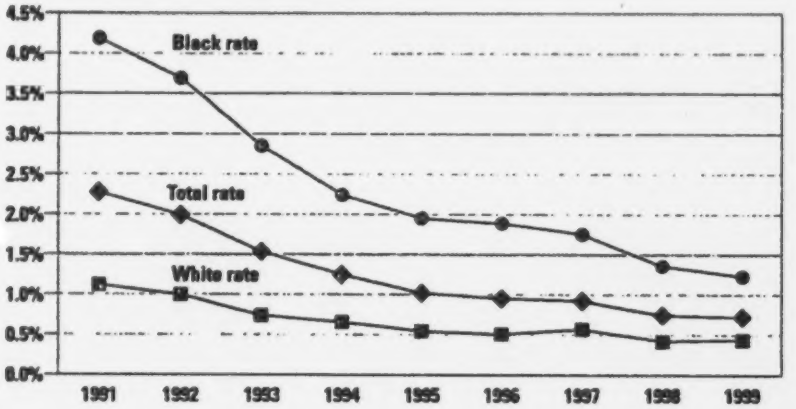
Prenatal Care

This indicator represents the percentage of infants born to women who received no prenatal care during pregnancy. In 1999, 1% of infants were born to women who received no prenatal care. This was a significant decline from the rate of 2% in 1991. The greatest gains during the decade occurred among black women, with the rate falling from 4% to 1%. Part of this reduction can be attributed to Georgia's Right from the Start Medicaid program which pays for medical care for pregnant women with incomes up to 235% of the federal poverty level.

Counties with infant mortality rates higher than the state rate of 12.4 per 1000 in 1990 (per 1000 in 1997-1999)

	Rate		Rate
Randolph	21.0	Crisp	14.2
Talbot	20.1	Dooley	14.2
Marion	19.5	Wilkinson	14.0
Jasper	19.3	Bibb	13.8
Clinch	18.3	Wilcox	13.7
Baldwin	16.7	Lowndes	13.6
Pulaski	15.9	Hart	13.1
Muscogee	15.8	Bulloch	13.1
Colquitt	15.7	Turner	13.1
Candler	15.7	Putnam	13.0
Greene	15.5	Terrell	12.8
McIntosh	15.5	Spalding	12.7
Brantley	15.3	Johnson	12.7
Laurens	15.3	Emanual	12.6
Heard	15.3	Early	12.5
Grady	14.8	White	12.5

Babies Born To Mothers With No Prenatal Care, Georgia 1991 - 1999 (per 100)



Births to Teens

This indicator represents the number of births to females ages 15-17 per 1,000 females in that age group. In 1999, a total of 6,218 babies were born to Georgia teenagers ages 15 through 17, for a teen birth rate of 39.5 per 1000. At the start of the decade this rate was 50.1 per 1000 and much of the decline was due to a substantial reduction in the black teen birth rate from 85.5 per 1000 in 1990 to 54.6 per 1000 in 1999. In comparison, the white teen birth rate decreased slightly from 33.6 per 1000 to 31.7 per 1000.

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in Teen Birth Rate

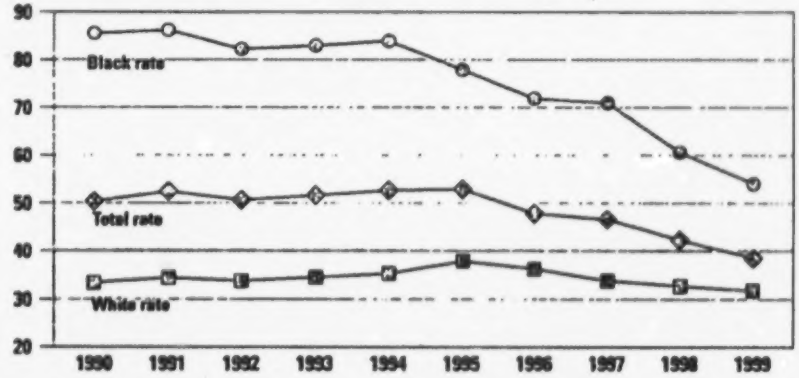
Repeat Births to Teens

This indicator represents the percentage of second or higher order births to females ages 15-17. In 1999, 768 of the 6,218 babies born to mothers ages 15-17 were a second or higher order birth for a repeat birth rate of 12%. This was a slight decline from the rate of 14% in 1995.

Counties with 20% or more repeat births to teens, 1997-1999

	Percent
Talbot	33
Stewart	32
Screven	26
Calhoun	26
Tift	23
Greene	22
Berrien	22
Randolph	22
Wilcox	22
Candler	22
Dade	22
Johnson	22
Ben Hill	21
Dougherty	20
Evans	20

Births To Teens Ages 15-17, Georgia, 1990 - 1999 (per 1,000)



Counties reducing the teen birth rate by 30% or better from 1994-1996 to 1997-1999

	Percent Change
Warren	-62
Glascock	-48
Crawford	-48
Bacon	-47
Lincoln	-40
Telfair	-40
Montgomery	-36
Early	-35
Jones	-35
Pierce	-35
Turner	-34
Grady	-34
Tift	-33
Coweta	-32
Wayne	-32
Johnson	-32
Meriwether	-32
Pike	-32
Taylor	-30

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Low Birthweight Babies. *Infants born weighing less than 5.5 pounds, number for 1997-1999, rates (per 100) 1994-1996 and 1997-1999, and percent change between the two time periods.*

County	1997-99 Number	1994-96 Rate	1997-99 Rate	Percent Change
Appling	61	8.6	7.7	-10.5
Atkinson	37	10.1	7.4	-27.5
Bacon	36	8.9	8.5	22.7
Baker	10	12.3	8.1	-33.9
Baldwin	176	11.0	11.9	8.5
Banks	37	7.6	7.5	-1.3
Barrow	152	7.5	7.1	-5.7
Bartow	323	7.4	8.1	10.4
Ben Hill	100	10.1	11.6	14.8
Berrien	54	8.2	7.0	-14.7
Bibb	876	11.1	11.7	5.9
Bleckley	41	10.9	8.8	-18.9
Brantley	25	8.1	7.7	28.7
Brooks	51	9.7	9.1	-6.2
Bryan	82	8.0	7.2	-10.2
Bulloch	171	9.1	8.6	-5.7
Burke	106	11.5	9.7	-16.8
Butts	76	10.2	9.8	-3.7
Calhoun	32	14.0	11.5	-17.8
Camden	158	7.0	7.1	1.9
Candler	32	10.1	7.2	-29.1
Carroll	271	8.5	7.1	-16.6
Catoosa	161	6.9	8.6	24.7
Charlton	31	7.6	7.3	-3.2
Chatham	1,078	10.5	10.1	-3.3
Chattahoochee	52	7.2	7.3	1.8
Chattooga	100	9.6	10.2	6.2
Cherokee	481	6.0	6.2	4.2
Clarke	336	8.7	9.1	4.8
Clay	11	11.6	5.3	-54.6
Clayton	1,877	9.2	9.2	0.2
Clinch	26	9.5	7.9	-16.5
Cobb	1,971	6.9	7.3	6.0
Coffee	104	9.1	9.6	5.2
Colquitt	176	10.1	9.2	-9.2
Columbia	234	6.8	6.8	13.2
Cook	86	10.1	9.2	-9.3
Coweta	333	7.2	8.1	12.8
Crawford	34	8.9	8.0	-11.0
Crisp	123	12.3	11.7	-4.8
Dade	58	7.5	9.8	29.9
Dawson	36	7.9	5.1	-34.7
Decatur	132	8.0	10.0	24.6
DeKalb	2,964	8.8	8.6	-1.7
Dodge	58	10.7	8.3	-21.8
Dooly	53	12.4	9.4	-24.3
Dougherty	547	10.3	11.0	6.6
Douglas	386	7.3	7.8	6.1
Early	78	12.6	12.5	-0.7
Echols	6	8.6	10.5	9.8
Effingham	109	8.6	7.1	-17.2
Elbert	71	8.7	9.5	8.8
Emanuel	105	8.4	11.1	32.9
Evans	32	8.6	6.9	-27.7
Fannin	53	4.2	7.8	86.6
Fayette	161	6.7	6.9	3.8
Floyd	283	8.4	7.8	-7.3
Forsyth	238	5.9	6.3	5.7
Franklin	70	9.5	8.4	-8.9
Fulton	3,822	10.8	9.8	-1.6
Gilmer	64	7.1	6.4	-10.3
Glascock	4	7.7	*	*
Glynn	259	9.8	9.7	-1.4
Gordon	123	6.3	6.1	-4.1
Grady	101	8.6	10.7	23.7
Greene	97	9.6	9.8	2.5
Gwinnett	1,795	6.3	6.8	9.0
Habersham	125	8.1	8.6	5.9
Hall	468	7.3	6.6	-9.6
Hancock	52	9.6	13.0	35.0
Haralson	85	5.1	8.2	60.1
Harris	69	8.0	8.2	3.0
Hart	80	7.7	10.5	37.1
Heard	43	9.9	9.4	-4.9
Henry	362	6.4	6.6	3.2
Houston	369	8.7	8.3	-4.6
Irwin	25	8.6	7.4	-15.0
Jackson	157	8.7	8.3	-4.4
Jasper	33	9.2	9.1	-1.1
Jeff Davis	60	8.2	9.0	8.9
Jefferson	96	12.3	11.6	-5.9
Jenkins	42	11.4	11.2	-2.0
Johnson	45	11.7	11.4	-2.3
Jones	76	8.1	9.1	12.6
Lamar	62	10.2	10.3	0.8
Lanier	28	4.4	11.2	157.6
Laurens	186	9.7	9.9	2.3
Lee	72	6.9	7.8	12.3
Liberty	411	7.9	9.1	15.4
Lincoln	23	8.3	9.5	15.4
Long	30	7.9	7.9	0.4
Lowndes	453	7.5	10.2	35.6
Lumpkin	41	8.6	8.8	-0.8
Macon	73	11.6	11.6	0.1
Madison	72	8.4	7.8	8.9
Marion	38	11.8	12.3	4.3
McDuffie	114	9.8	11.6	18.7
McIntosh	42	8.9	9.3	34.8
Meriwether	114	11.2	12.7	12.8
Miller	17	12.7	7.3	-42.8
Mitchell	125	10.6	11.8	11.8
Monroe	88	12.3	9.9	-19.4
Montgomery	19	8.3	8.0	-7.3
Morgan	64	9.8	10.6	28.5
Murray	117	7.5	7.8	1.2
Muscogee	940	9.6	10.3	6.6
Newton	214	8.2	7.2	-12.1
Oconee	44	7.8	9.3	-25.0
Oglethorpe	31	8.7	7.8	-8.7
Paulding	222	8.1	8.1	-0.3
Peach	118	12.8	9.8	-18.7
Pickens	53	8.0	8.7	-16.1
Pierce	42	5.8	5.9	1.7
Pike	45	8.1	9.2	8.9
Polk	156	8.7	8.6	-0.8
Pulaski	48	7.9	10.6	33.7
Putnam	52	7.7	7.5	-2.5
Quitman	11	7.3	12.1	65.8
Rabun	36	7.6	7.1	-6.3
Randolph	47	11.4	12.3	8.4
Richmond	921	10.1	9.7	-3.5
Rockdale	197	7.7	7.4	-4.3
Schley	21	9.2	11.3	22.8
Screven	83	11.8	12.8	8.6
Seminole	52	9.7	12.6	29.8
Spalding	282	9.4	10.6	12.9
Stephens	117	6.4	10.8	68.5
Stewart	26	13.2	13.0	-1.2
Sumter	198	10.9	12.1	10.3
Talbot	30	13.0	12.0	-7.5
Taliaferro	9	13.2	12.7	-4.2
Tattnall	86	8.6	8.5	-0.5
Taylor	48	11.7	11.0	-5.9
Telfair	42	10.9	9.1	-16.9
Terrell	80	14.1	11.0	-21.9
Thomas	171	8.2	8.4	2.7
Tift	196	10.2	10.3	1.7
Toombs	100	8.4	7.8	-6.8
Towns	15	6.4	6.0	-7.5
Treutlen	29	9.7	10.6	9.6
Troup	263	9.9	9.5	-4.3
Turner	59	11.2	10.9	-2.4
Twiggs	39	10.8	7.5	-30.7
Union	32	5.9	6.9	17.5
Upson	108	10.0	10.2	2.3
Walker	213	8.8	8.8	0.9
Walton	242	8.5	8.3	-2.5
Ware	139	9.1	8.4	-7.4
Warren	23	14.3	9.8	-32.6
Washington	105	11.8	13.4	15.2
Wayne	93	8.7	8.8	21.9
Webster	7	10.5	8.9	-18.9
Wheeler	19	8.7	8.7	-0.2
White	54	8.0	7.5	-6.4
Whitfield	286	8.2	8.0	-5.4
Wilcox	29	11.1	7.9	-28.7
Wilkes	37	9.8	9.1	-6.5
Wilkinson	59	11.2	10.0	-10.6
Worth	79	9.4	8.3	-12.4
Georgia	31,983	8.6	8.7	0.6

* Number too small to calculate a rate.

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Infant Mortality. *Infant deaths, number for 1997-1999, rates (per 1,000) for 1994-1996 and 1997-1999, and percent change between the two time periods.*

County	1997-99 Number	1994-96 Rate	1997-99 Rate	Percent Change
Appling	7	18.9	8.8	-51.9
Atkinson	3	*	*	*
Bacon	2	*	*	*
Baker	0	*	*	*
Baldwin	25	18.5	16.7	-9.6
Banks	2	*	*	*
Barrow	8	5.8	3.5	-40.3
Bartow	23	5.5	5.8	5.7
Ben Hill	8	15.6	9.3	-40.3
Berrien	5	9.3	6.5	-30.3
Bibb	103	15.9	13.8	-13.3
Bleckley	3	17.1	*	*
Brantley	5	*	15.3	*
Brooks	4	11.3	*	*
Bryan	5	4.7	4.4	-4.9
Bulloch	26	11.9	13.1	9.9
Burke	12	15.8	10.8	-32.0
Butts	9	9.3	11.6	25.4
Calhoun	2	*	*	*
Camden	11	9.3	4.9	-47.8
Candler	7	*	15.7	*
Carroll	25	7.2	6.5	-9.6
Catoosa	11	6.5	5.9	-9.1
Charlton	4	15.7	*	*
Chatham	81	10.9	7.6	-30.0
Chattahoochee	6	9.8	8.4	-14.4
Chattooga	7	18.3	7.1	-61.1
Cherokee	35	5.4	5.4	1.2
Clarke	36	9.6	9.8	8.3
Clay	3	*	*	*
Clayton	99	9.4	8.5	-9.6
Clinch	6	*	18.3	*
Cobb	184	7.9	6.8	-2.7
Coffee	19	13.3	7.8	-41.1
Colquitt	30	8.0	15.7	96.0
Columbia	28	6.5	5.8	-10.3
Cook	8	8.9	11.1	24.6
Coweta	23	5.7	5.6	-2.7
Crawford	4	24.4	*	*
Crisp	15	16.6	14.2	-14.2
Dade	3	*	*	*
Dawson	2	12.5	*	*
Decatur	13	11.7	9.8	-15.8
DeKalb	262	9.7	8.5	-12.7
Dodge	5	7.3	7.1	-3.2
Dooly	8	*	14.2	*
Dougherty	92	12.1	10.5	-13.6
Douglas	25	8.9	8.3	-8.5
Early	7	14.8	12.5	-16.6
Echols	1	*	*	*
Effingham	7	8.4	4.8	-28.2
Elbert	4	12.1	*	*
Emanuel	12	8.2	12.6	54.2
Evans	5	*	10.8	*
Fannin	7	*	10.3	*
Fayette	16	7.8	6.1	-19.5
Floyd	28	11.2	7.2	-36.0
Forsyth	25	4.8	5.3	10.5
Franklin	6	10.3	8.1	-21.5
Fulton	356	11.5	9.1	-20.3
Gilmer	4	6.9	*	*
Glascock	0	*	*	*
Glynn	23	10.6	8.6	-14.8
Gordon	12	8.9	8.9	-33.3
Grady	14	9.8	14.8	90.5
Greene	9	15.4	15.5	8.7
Gwinnett	158	6.5	6.0	-7.5
Habersham	13	8.9	8.9	67.6
Hall	35	6.4	5.0	-21.9
Hancock	4	12.3	*	*
Haralson	2	6.7	*	*
Harris	6	12.7	7.2	-43.6
Hart	10	*	13.1	*
Heard	7	19.2	15.3	-20.4
Henry	33	6.1	6.1	-1.3
Houston	41	10.3	9.2	-10.8
Irwin	1	*	*	*
Jackson	17	9.4	9.8	7.5
Jasper	7	14.8	19.3	30.5
Jeff Davis	5	*	7.5	*
Jefferson	4	28.4	*	*
Jenkins	1	*	*	*
Johnson	5	*	12.7	*
Jones	9	5.6	10.8	92.7
Lamar	4	14.1	*	*
Lanier	3	*	*	*
Laurens	23	16.9	15.3	-9.3
Lee	6	*	8.5	*
Liberty	48	9.5	10.6	11.3
Lincoln	1	*	*	*
Long	5	*	18.1	*
Lowndes	69	10.7	13.6	26.5
Lumpkin	3	*	*	*
Macon	2	21.5	*	*
Madison	4	7.1	*	*
Marion	6	25.1	19.5	-22.4
McDuffie	11	7.9	11.2	42.4
Mclntosh	7	*	15.5	*
Meriwether	8	14.8	8.9	-40.1
Miller	3	*	*	*
Mitchell	9	10.3	8.4	-18.3
Monroe	10	9.1	12.4	36.7
Montgomery	2	*	*	*
Morgan	3	*	*	*
Murray	17	8.7	11.0	26.2
Muscogee	145	14.9	15.8	6.4
Newton	21	6.6	7.0	6.1
Oconee	7	9.9	8.4	-15.0
Oglethorpe	0	*	*	*
Paulding	17	6.3	4.5	-15.0
Peach	9	24.1	8.0	-66.8
Pickens	7	*	8.8	*
Pierce	6	8.1	8.5	4.5
Pike	1	11.5	*	*
Polk	15	8.8	8.3	-5.3
Pulaski	6	*	18.9	*
Putnam	9	15.8	13.0	-17.5
Quitman	1	*	*	*
Rabun	2	*	*	*
Randolph	8	15.0	21.0	40.3
Richmond	104	12.5	11.0	-11.8
Rockdale	19	9.1	7.1	-22.0
Schley	2	*	*	*
Screven	5	13.9	7.7	-44.4
Seminole	3	15.8	*	*
Spalding	34	10.4	12.7	23.0
Stephens	7	4.9	6.5	31.8
Stewart	1	*	*	*
Sumter	18	16.7	8.8	-47.7
Talbot	5	*	20.1	*
Taliaferro	1	*	*	*
Tattnall	7	8.0	6.9	-23.1
Taylor	4	12.2	*	*
Telfair	4	*	*	*
Terrell	7	22.8	12.8	-41.8
Thomas	19	8.4	8.4	48.5
Tift	23	13.5	12.1	-10.5
Toombs	15	11.5	11.7	1.9
Towns	1	*	*	*
Treutlen	2	*	*	*
Troup	26	12.7	9.4	-25.9
Turner	8	11.7	13.1	12.4
Twiggs	4	*	*	*
Union	2	13.6	*	*
Upson	8	6.6	7.6	14.7
Walker	12	8.8	5.0	-43.4
Walton	17	6.0	5.9	-1.6
Ware	16	8.0	10.4	14.9
Warren	4	25.2	*	*
Washington	8	15.7	10.2	-35.2
Wayne	8	9.1	7.6	-16.5
Webster	1	*	*	*
Wheeler	0	*	*	*
White	9	*	12.5	*
Whitfield	28	7.7	5.9	-23.1
Wilcox	5	14.6	13.7	-6.6
Wilkes	5	*	12.3	*
Wilkinson	7	12.9	14.0	8.5
Worth	7	11.1	8.3	-25.5
Georgia	**3,091**	**9.7**	**8.4**	**-12.9**

* Number too small to calculate a rate.

Prenatal Care. *Infants whose mothers did not receive prenatal care, number for 1997-1999, rates (per 100) 1994-1996 and 1997-1999, and percent change between the two time periods.*

County	1997-99 Number	1994-96 Rate	1997-99 Rate	Percent Change
Appling	12	0.7	1.5	118.2
Atkinson	0	*	*	*
Bacon	0	*	*	*
Baker	2	*	*	*
Baldwin	15	1.7	1.0	-39.5
Banks	2	*	*	*
Barrow	19	0.5	0.4	-8.8
Bartow	34	0.6	0.9	48.8
Ben Hill	2	0.6	*	*
Berrien	5	*	0.6	*
Bibb	110	2.4	1.5	-39.3
Bleckley	5	1.9	1.1	-44.0
Brantley	1	*	*	*
Brooks	9	1.3	1.6	24.1
Bryan	6	0.8	0.5	-30.2
Bulloch	11	1.2	0.6	-53.5
Burke	29	3.0	2.6	-12.7
Butts	9	1.7	1.2	-31.6
Calhoun	0	*	*	*
Camden	3	*	*	*
Candler	0	1.5	*	*
Carroll	30	0.9	0.8	-10.9
Catoosa	6	0.4	0.3	-15.6
Charlton	4	*	*	*
Chatham	151	1.7	1.4	-18.3
Chattahoochee	4	*	*	*
Chattooga	4	1.4	*	*
Cherokee	30	0.5	0.5	-13.2
Clarke	25	0.9	0.7	-27.1
Clay	3	*	*	*
Clayton	77	1.1	0.7	-39.8
Clinch	2	*	*	*
Cobb	175	0.8	0.6	-16.3
Coffee	7	0.4	0.4	-17.5
Colquitt	6	0.6	0.3	-51.8
Columbia	12	0.4	0.3	-1.3
Cook	3	*	*	*
Coweta	32	1.1	0.8	-29.8
Crawford	4	1.9	*	*
Crisp	3	1.5	*	*
Dade	1	*	*	*
Dawson	5	*	0.7	*
Decatur	9	0.9	0.7	-27.1
DeKalb	261	1.1	0.8	-28.7
Dodge	2	*	*	*
Dooly	3	2.7	*	*
Dougherty	43	0.9	0.9	-0.4
Douglas	13	0.6	0.3	-48.5
Early	6	1.0	1.1	2.1
Echols	0	*	*	*
Effingham	12	1.0	0.8	-24.3
Elbert	14	1.4	1.9	29.8
Emanuel	11	0.9	1.2	25.7

County	1997-99 Number	1994-96 Rate	1997-99 Rate	Percent Change
Evans	6	1.2	1.3	5.7
Fannin	2	0.9	*	*
Fayette	10	0.5	0.4	-17.5
Floyd	39	1.1	1.1	-1.4
Forsyth	15	0.3	0.3	24.3
Franklin	7	1.0	0.8	-8.4
Fulton	507	2.1	1.3	-36.3
Gilmer	8	0.7	0.8	14.4
Glascock	0	*	*	*
Glynn	23	1.0	0.9	-17.1
Gordon	11	0.4	0.5	52.9
Grady	3	0.8	*	*
Greene	3	1.4	*	*
Gwinnett	141	0.5	0.5	1.8
Habersham	9	0.5	0.6	23.3
Hall	7	0.1	0.1	-17.5
Hancock	5	1.5	2.6	35.0
Haralson	10	0.6	1.0	73.3
Harris	3	2.0	*	*
Hart	6	*	0.8	*
Heard	2	1.6	*	*
Henry	26	0.7	0.5	-27.9
Houston	31	1.2	0.7	-43.6
Irwin	2	*	*	*
Jackson	4	0.3	*	*
Jasper	12	*	3.3	*
Jeff Davis	3	*	*	*
Jefferson	14	1.6	1.7	8.7
Jenkins	3	*	*	*
Johnson	0	*	*	*
Jones	10	0.7	1.2	88.9
Lamar	4	0.9	*	*
Lanier	2	2.0	*	*
Laurens	14	0.8	0.7	-6.5
Lee	7	1.4	0.8	-45.4
Liberty	21	0.5	0.5	-8.0
Lincoln	2	*	*	*
Long	3	*	*	*
Lowndes	18	1.0	0.4	-61.2
Lumpkin	3	*	*	*
Macon	10	1.8	1.6	-12.7
Madison	3	1.1	*	*
Marion	7	3.9	2.3	-42.4
McDuffie	14	1.7	1.4	-15.4
McIntosh	2	*	*	*
Meriwether	20	2.6	2.2	-16.1
Miller	2	*	*	*
Mitchell	15	1.8	1.4	36.1
Monroe	8	1.6	1.0	-36.2
Montgomery	1	*	*	*
Morgan	4	1.3	*	*
Murray	4	0.4	*	*
Muscogee	141	1.8	1.5	-14.9

County	1997-99 Number	1994-96 Rate	1997-99 Rate	Percent Change
Newton	48	0.5	1.5	243.6
Oconee	5	0.7	0.6	-19.1
Oglethorpe	0	*	*	*
Paulding	7	0.5	0.2	-69.0
Peach	13	1.5	1.2	-21.1
Pickens	2	*	*	*
Pierce	2	*	*	*
Pike	1	1.2	*	*
Polk	16	1.4	0.9	-36.5
Pulaski	2	*	*	*
Putnam	5	1.8	0.7	-58.8
Quitman	2	*	*	*
Rabun	4	1.1	*	*
Randolph	4	*	*	*
Richmond	119	1.3	1.3	0.1
Rockdale	27	0.9	1.0	16.2
Schley	2	*	*	*
Screven	4	1.6	*	*
Seminole	5	1.6	1.2	-23.5
Spalding	11	0.7	0.4	-37.8
Stephens	8	0.6	0.7	25.5
Stewart	5	3.1	2.5	-18.6
Sumter	19	1.9	1.2	-36.8
Talbot	5	4.7	2.9	-38.8
Taliaferro	1	*	*	*
Tattnall	9	0.7	0.9	31.8
Taylor	5	2.8	1.4	-49.4
Telfair	4	*	*	*
Terrell	6	1.6	1.1	-33.2
Thomas	16	1.0	0.8	-18.3
Tift	24	1.8	1.3	-30.6
Toombs	8	0.9	0.6	-30.9
Towns	0	*	*	*
Treutlen	0	*	*	*
Troup	19	0.4	0.7	62.5
Turner	3	*	*	*
Twiggs	5	2.1	1.3	-40.8
Union	3	*	*	*
Upson	8	1.1	0.8	-33.1
Walker	6	0.6	0.2	-68.5
Walton	23	0.5	0.8	55.3
Ware	12	0.4	0.8	85.6
Warren	1	*	*	*
Washington	9	1.0	1.1	10.5
Wayne	5	1.1	0.5	-57.4
Webster	2	*	*	*
Wheeler	0	*	*	*
White	3	0.9	*	*
Whitfield	20	0.7	0.4	-36.5
Wilcox	5	*	1.4	*
Wilkes	11	*	2.7	*
Wilkinson	4	1.7	*	*
Worth	7	0.6	0.8	46.5
Georgia	**2,988**	**1.1**	**0.8**	**-24.5**

* Number too small to calculate a rate.

Births To Teen And Repeat Births To Teens. *Births to girls ages 15 to 17, number for 1997-1999, rates (per 1,000 girls ages 15 to 17) for 1994-1996 and 1997-1999, and percent change between the two time periods. Repeat births to girls ages 15 to 17, number for 1997-1999 and rate (per 100 births).*

County	ALL BIRTHS 1997-99 Number	ALL BIRTHS 1994-96 Rate	ALL BIRTHS 1997-99 Rate	ALL BIRTHS Percent Change	REPEAT BIRTHS 1997-99 Number	REPEAT BIRTHS 1997-99 Rate
Appling	69	94.5	95.9	0.9	11	15.9
Atkinson	61	86.9	118.9	36.9	9	14.8
Bacon	32	74.1	39.6	-46.6	0	*
Baker	11	46.2	38.6	-16.5	1	*
Baldwin	115	95.4	93.9	-2.7	16	13.9
Banks	32	43.7	41.9	-4.1	4	*
Barrow	104	46.7	42.4	-9.2	6	5.8
Bartow	251	63.7	57.5	-9.5	24	9.6
Ben Hill	87	69.0	63.9	-7.4	18	20.7
Berrien	45	52.9	46.3	-12.4	10	22.2
Bibb	548	86.9	94.8	-19.2	75	13.7
Bleckley	39	58.6	53.0	-9.5	6	15.4
Brantley	24	28.5	25.9	-9.0	1	*
Brooks	48	54.8	48.6	-36.0	8	16.7
Bryan	66	43.9	37.9	-13.7	10	15.2
Bulloch	108	55.4	43.3	-21.8	13	12.0
Burke	102	73.1	61.2	-16.3	14	13.7
Butts	44	52.8	41.8	-20.8	1	*
Calhoun	27	59.1	79.9	34.5	7	25.9
Camden	68	32.3	24.7	-23.5	8	*
Candler	37	54.1	53.7	-0.6	8	21.6
Carroll	233	51.6	43.5	-15.7	29	12.4
Catoosa	108	45.3	34.4	-24.1	11	10.2
Charlton	36	54.8	53.3	-2.8	7	19.4
Chatham	672	64.5	51.9	-19.4	104	15.5
Chattahoochee	22	31.3	27.2	-13.1	1	*
Chattooga	81	63.1	57.1	-9.6	6	7.4
Cherokee	209	33.7	28.1	-16.8	10	5.0
Clarke	199	48.6	48.8	-1.6	17	8.5
Clay	18	68.4	78.6	14.9	3	*
Clayton	575	44.8	43.6	-2.7	55	9.6
Clinch	27	53.2	58.0	9.0	3	*
Cobb	747	27.3	24.5	-10.4	82	11.0
Coffee	175	88.5	78.2	-20.7	31	17.7
Colquitt	178	88.7	86.6	-17.3	25	14.0
Columbia	123	25.2	28.9	-16.8	3	*
Cook	98	67.4	86.4	-16.3	9	15.3
Coweta	196	51.6	36.0	-32.3	27	13.8
Crawford	19	46.3	24.3	-47.6	2	*
Crisp	115	67.7	74.7	-14.8	14	12.2
Dade	37	41.3	42.2	2.2	8	21.6
Dawson	38	41.8	43.9	5.1	3	*
Decatur	127	76.7	62.3	-18.8	14	11.0
DeKalb	1,331	43.6	39.9	-8.5	188	14.1
Dodge	48	43.9	38.5	-12.3	3	*
Dooly	18	70.6	80.2	13.6	8	13.8
Dougherty	432	84.8	80.4	-5.0	86	19.9
Douglas	164	37.7	29.2	-22.6	11	6.7
Early	95	92.8	59.7	-35.1	9	16.4
Echols	4	88.9	*	*	1	*
Effingham	83	42.8	33.2	-21.0	8	9.6
Elbert	73	85.8	70.5	-17.8	4	*
Emanuel	95	72.0	63.3	-12.1	9	9.4
Evans	46	88.4	67.2	-16.4	9	19.6
Fannin	37	44.4	35.2	-18.5	4	*
Fayette	99	12.5	9.6	-23.2	2	*
Floyd	219	56.2	46.6	-18.3	20	9.1
Forsyth	95	24.9	18.8	-25.3	5	5.3
Franklin	53	58.9	46.7	-20.8	8	15.1
Fulton	2,139	62.5	51.5	-17.6	372	17.5
Gilmer	69	72.3	63.0	-12.9	5	7.2
Glascock	5	73.4	37.8	-48.5	1	*
Glynn	214	68.1	54.1	-20.5	29	13.6
Gordon	151	52.7	56.8	7.7	19	12.6
Grady	64	62.5	41.0	-34.4	9	14.1
Greene	49	69.4	48.4	-27.1	11	22.4
Gwinnett	527	17.8	17.9	0.7	45	8.5
Habersham	112	55.0	63.8	14.5	12	10.7
Hall	365	55.1	53.6	-2.6	38	10.4
Hancock	32	44.5	42.9	-3.6	6	18.8
Haralson	75	48.2	48.9	5.9	6	8.0
Harris	41	29.5	29.8	0.9	2	*
Hart	63	34.3	32.4	-5.7	7	16.3
Heard	21	44.0	38.9	-9.2	1	*
Henry	195	33.6	30.7	-8.6	17	8.7
Houston	399	41.5	30.3	-27.0	13	6.5
Irwin	29	88.5	51.1	-25.4	4	*
Jackson	104	65.2	47.2	-27.7	10	9.6
Jasper	29	52.0	42.7	-17.9	2	*
Jeff Davis	58	69.4	68.2	12.8	7	12.1
Jefferson	67	51.8	48.2	-7.0	7	10.4
Jenkins	42	69.5	78.1	8.9	4	*
Johnson	37	90.3	61.3	-32.1	8	21.6
Jones	34	36.2	23.5	-35.0	2	*
Lamar	46	68.4	46.9	-29.4	1	*
Lanier	23	53.6	47.2	-11.9	2	*
Laurens	141	57.6	49.4	-14.3	16	11.3
Lee	63	28.5	25.4	-24.2	5	7.9
Liberty	152	66.6	51.5	-22.6	16	10.5
Lincoln	12	37.2	22.2	-40.4	1	*
Long	25	51.8	41.5	-19.8	3	*
Lowndes	247	58.3	46.5	-19.2	20	8.1
Lumpkin	39	46.2	39.8	-13.9	5	12.8
Macon	64	69.4	59.5	-19.4	8	12.5
Madison	59	47.8	41.1	-13.9	6	10.2
Marion	22	35.0	34.1	94.5	2	*
McDuffie	69	66.3	60.3	-13.0	10	11.2
McIntosh	31	47.6	40.7	-14.5	8	*
Meriwether	74	64.4	43.8	-32.0	3	*
Miller	16	46.2	36.8	-20.4	1	*
Mitchell	87	63.5	52.6	-17.2	12	13.8
Monroe	59	45.2	38.3	-15.3	6	12.0
Montgomery	39	57.9	37.3	-35.6	1	*
Morgan	42	57.9	43.8	-24.2	3	*
Murray	128	69.7	60.3	-13.4	11	8.6
Muscogee	697	69.3	54.7	-17.6	98	14.5
Newton	196	56.9	43.2	-23.9	25	15.1
Oconee	31	25.4	21.5	-15.3	3	*
Oglethorpe	27	45.0	36.9	-19.1	5	18.5
Paulding	117	33.1	26.2	-20.9	10	8.5
Peach	77	49.3	49.3	0.0	11	14.3
Pickens	53	36.3	46.9	29.2	4	*
Pierce	29	51.3	33.4	-35.0	2	*
Pike	30	53.5	36.4	-31.9	3	*
Polk	115	57.4	50.1	-12.7	9	7.8
Pulaski	23	44.5	39.6	-11.0	0	*
Putnam	55	45.1	51.8	15.0	5	9.1
Quitman	9	72.6	61.7	-14.9	1	*
Rabun	20	34.2	24.3	-29.0	2	*
Randolph	54	77.8	100.4	29.1	12	22.2
Richmond	611	98.1	51.9	-13.6	85	13.9
Rockdale	123	31.6	27.3	-13.7	16	13.0
Schley	10	98.3	57.0	-24.1	2	*
Screven	53	62.4	57.0	-8.6	14	26.4
Seminole	41	72.1	62.6	-13.1	7	17.1
Spalding	246	63.5	63.6	0.1	42	17.1
Stephens	66	44.4	45.6	2.8	6	9.1
Stewart	22	41.2	56.5	37.2	7	31.8
Sumter	128	53.6	54.0	-15.1	21	16.4
Talbot	18	53.5	41.4	-22.7	6	33.3
Taliaferro	4	51.4	*	*	1	*
Tattnall	74	84.0	65.1	-22.5	10	13.5
Taylor	36	84.4	59.1	-30.0	6	16.7
Telfair	33	82.8	48.5	-48.1	1	*
Terrell	62	92.4	74.1	-19.8	7	11.3
Thomas	147	97.1	83.3	-13.6	23	15.6
Tift	151	86.2	57.6	-33.2	35	23.2
Toombs	115	85.1	65.5	-23.0	13	11.3
Towns	12	32.1	33.1	3.4	2	*
Treutlen	25	57.7	56.8	-1.5	4	*
Troup	193	76.3	69.3	-28.4	30	15.5
Turner	42	103.0	67.6	-34.4	8	19.0
Twiggs	32	53.0	48.5	-8.4	1	*
Union	27	45.1	33.0	-27.0	1	*
Upson	89	88.2	53.9	-21.0	14	15.7
Walker	177	57.0	46.7	-18.0	19	10.7
Walton	158	56.7	42.7	-15.6	20	13.3
Ware	123	71.1	66.7	-21.6	17	12.8
Warren	11	81.3	31.0	-61.8	1	*
Washington	79	48.9	58.2	18.7	7	8.9
Wayne	74	62.9	42.7	-32.1	6	8.1
Webster	7	44.6	53.7	20.2	1	*
Wheeler	22	45.1	54.7	21.3	4	*
White	37	48.2	37.5	-22.1	3	*
Whitfield	395	88.3	86.5	-14.3	39	9.8
Wilcox	22	86.6	76.7	-12.6	7	21.9
Wilkes	41	79.2	61.4	-12.5	6	14.6
Wilkinson	48	47.9	53.6	11.9	1	*
Worth	74	63.7	43.9	-6.5	10	13.5
Georgia	19,858	58.8	42.8	-15.6	2,524	12.7

* Number too small to calculate a rate.

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Education

Education is the key to a good job and a promising future. It is one of the most important ways to ensure that Georgia's economy is competitive, communities are healthy, and children are prepared.

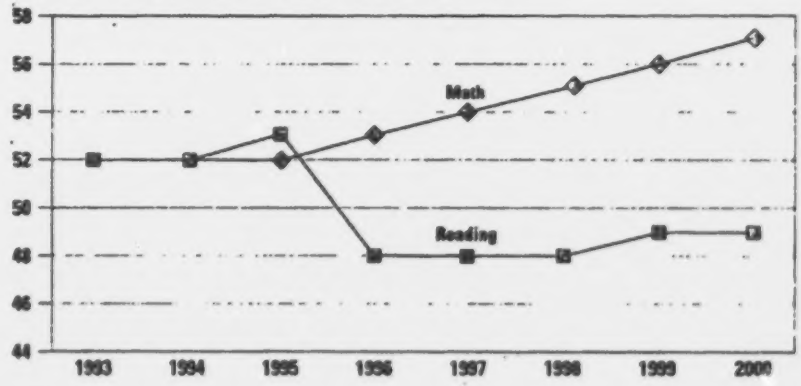
With the creation of the Pre-kindergarten and HOPE scholarship programs in the first half of the 1990's, Georgia built a strong foundation for improving education. In 2000 Georgia instituted a new accountability structure with clear learning goals and a way of measuring progress that will hold schools and districts accountable for positive results.

Many factors influence student performance, including parent education, family income, home, school and community environments, student motivation and ability. In addition to holding schools accountable, parents and community members must step forward and assume responsibility to help all children achieve.

Reading and Math Scores on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS)

This indicator represents the national percentile ranks of 3rd, 5th, and 8th grade students on the ITBS. The ITBS is a national Norm-Referenced Test that compares students with other students at the same grade level. In 2000, Georgia's percentile rank ranged from a high of 62% in 3rd grade math to a low of 49% in 8th grade reading. Since 1993, math scores increased for all 3 grade levels. Reading scores rose in the 3rd grade, stayed constant in the 5th grade, and declined in the 8th grade. Beginning in the spring of 2001, Georgia students will be taking the Stanford Achievement Test in grades 3, 5, and 8 instead of the ITBS.

National percentile ranks of 8th graders on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, Georgia, 1993 - 2000



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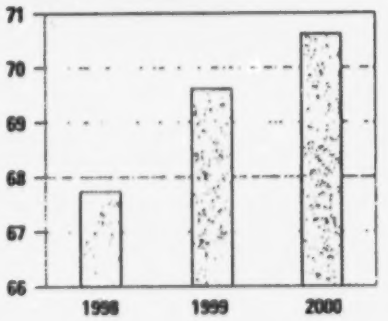
High School Completions

This indicator represents the percentage of students who entered 9th grade and were in the graduating class 4 years later. The completion rate is a measure of on-time graduation and does not include those who drop out of school and eventually earn their high school diploma or General Equivalency Diploma (GED). In 2000, 71% of Georgia students graduated high school on-time. This was an increase from the 1998 rate of 68%.

High School Completion Rate, Georgia, 1998-2000



Counties increasing the high school completion rate by 15% or greater, 1999 to 2000.

	Percent Change
McIntosh	35
Montgomery	27
Marion	21
Lincoln	21
Dooly	20
Heard	19
Paulding	18
Charlton	17
Murray	16
Lamar	16
Cook	16
Candler	15
Morgan	15
Wayne	15
Hancock	15

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High School Graduates Eligible for HOPE Scholarships

This indicator represents the percentage of HOPE eligible students reported by the school system. HOPE (Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally) provides eligible Georgia students with tuition, mandatory fees, and a book allowance for attendance at any public college, university, or technical institute in the state. A $3000 annual scholarship is awarded to students attending a private college or university in Georgia. To be eligible, students must earn a "B" average in core

curriculum courses in high school and maintain that average in college. In 1999, 58% of Georgia graduates were eligible for HOPE scholarships. This was a drop from 62% in 1999. This decline is most likely related to the change in HOPE eligibility requirements.

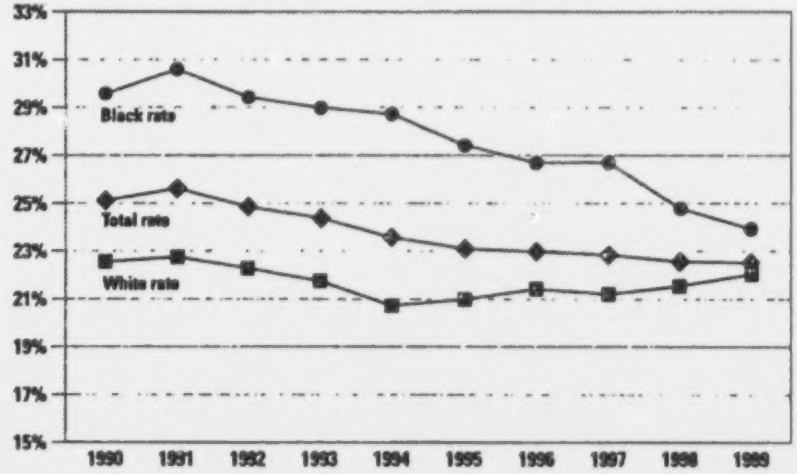
Babies born to mothers with less than 12 years education

This indicator represents the percentage of all infants born to women with less than 12 years of education. A child born to a mother who has not completed high school is at risk both educationally and economically. In 1999, 23% of all births were to mothers with less than 12 years of education. This decreased from 25% in 1990. The largest reduction occurred among blacks with the rate falling from 30% in 1990 to 24% in 1999. In comparison the white rate declined from 23% to 22% during this period.

Counties with 65% or more of graduates eligible for HOPE scholarship, 2000

	Percent
Towns	74
Cobb	73
Cherokee	73
Gwinnett	72
Fayette	68
Monroe	68
Harris	67
Forsyth	67
Floyd	67
Irwin	65
Habersham	65

Babies born to mothers with less than 12 years education, Georgia, 1990-1999 (per 100)



Reading And Math Scores On The Iowa Test Of Basic Skills. National percentile ranks of third, fifth, and eighth graders on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) for 2000.

County	Third Graders Reading	Third Graders Math	Fifth Graders Reading	Fifth Graders Math	Eighth Graders Reading	Eighth Graders Math
Appling	52	54	53	54	47	52
Atkinson	45	57	44	42	41	45
Bacon	42	49	41	42	38	51
Baker	45	46	35	38	*	*
Baldwin	54	64	53	53	47	54
Banks	59	63	58	47	52	58
Barrow	54	62	54	54	52	60
Bartow	61	72	57	67	58	62
Ben Hill	39	39	39	41	42	57
Berrien	45	50	46	48	43	50
Bibb	49	59	50	55	42	49
Bleckley	56	65	55	60	56	60
Brantley	57	61	52	50	49	58
Brooks	37	43	46	56	38	57
Bryan	60	67	56	61	57	62
Bulloch	55	63	57	67	48	57
Burke	43	47	39	46	36	50
Butts	39	48	41	43	41	40
Calhoun	36	36	44	49	29	43
Camden	56	67	55	67	55	61
Candler	46	57	46	54	38	48
Carroll	45	47	50	51	47	52
Catoosa	57	63	58	60	52	57
Charlton	48	55	42	49	41	43
Chatham	51	57	49	53	35	45
Chattahoochee	41	50	43	50	44	57
Chattooga	59	60	56	52	51	53
Cherokee	65	75	60	60	53	60
Clarke	48	53	49	54	43	47
Clay	22	30	37	42	*	*
Clayton	43	50	45	46	41	48
Clinch	52	62	43	51	39	52
Cobb	63	71	60	70	53	57
Coffee	48	50	46	57	36	48
Colquitt	53	60	54	53	42	42
Columbia	66	75	62	60	62	71
Cook	47	53	44	37	49	57
Coweta	59	67	56	64	56	67
Crawford	48	49	53	50	49	60
Crisp	46	50	44	53	38	51
Dade	48	50	54	50	57	59
Dawson	62	67	50	54	54	56
Decatur	55	63	52	57	51	56
DeKalb	48	62	48	57	43	51
Dodge	57	64	52	50	50	52
Dooly	36	42	34	45	25	40
Dougherty	44	53	42	45	37	45
Douglas	57	62	55	62	54	59
Early	42	55	45	42	37	40
Echols	49	55	54	65	44	51
Effingham	58	66	55	66	53	57
Elbert	52	55	48	53	47	49
Emanuel	51	56	48	50	37	50
Evans	36	44	41	47	42	65
Fannin	63	62	58	61	57	57
Fayette	69	69	66	70	66	73
Floyd	56	60	56	57	54	61
Forsyth	66	74	65	71	61	66
Franklin	57	57	54	59	58	64
Fulton	55	60	55	60	48	55
Gilmer	52	54	54	55	51	56
Glascock	54	53	65	72	48	70
Glynn	46	49	49	50	47	52
Gordon	54	62	57	62	54	60
Grady	50	62	52	53	46	60
Greene	45	57	42	41	41	55
Gwinnett	65	75	63	71	62	68
Habersham	58	65	60	64	54	54
Hall	57	63	55	60	53	58
Hancock	49	55	45	50	36	47
Haralson	54	62	53	52	49	54
Harris	65	75	59	65	57	61
Hart	55	64	54	62	51	62
Heard	56	59	50	47	53	52
Henry	55	60	54	59	50	56
Houston	58	67	54	60	53	60
Irwin	47	53	46	55	49	57
Jackson	57	66	55	63	56	66
Jasper	52	47	52	49	43	42
Jeff Davis	49	53	47	52	57	63
Jefferson	39	46	38	46	37	42
Jenkins	41	50	48	55	42	57
Johnson	38	43	42	57	35	56
Jones	59	63	55	60	55	56
Lamar	45	48	44	42	37	40
Lanier	43	54	47	52	42	54
Laurens	53	60	51	55	46	57
Lee	60	65	55	55	52	55
Liberty	43	50	47	53	48	51
Lincoln	50	52	52	55	43	62
Long	43	61	40	40	40	46
Lowndes	52	62	50	50	49	55
Lumpkin	60	64	57	67	62	72
Macon	28	36	31	29	28	32
Madison	52	55	50	62	48	51
Marion	47	57	49	36	38	42
McDuffie	50	61	47	45	46	60
McIntosh	40	49	36	42	33	55
Meriwether	39	35	39	40	33	40
Miller	65	71	48	50	54	70
Mitchell	41	50	35	37	31	42
Monroe	51	59	50	45	46	51
Montgomery	39	40	46	40	44	44
Morgan	50	59	62	71	52	56
Murray	52	58	50	52	51	54
Muscogee	48	54	49	52	43	51
Newton	53	63	52	60	46	50
Oconee	64	74	66	70	66	73
Oglethorpe	58	62	57	60	51	61
Paulding	56	57	53	54	52	58
Peach	44	47	45	43	43	57
Pickens	48	51	55	61	51	55
Pierce	55	58	55	58	51	56
Pike	51	60	53	52	50	55
Polk	47	52	52	58	45	51
Pulaski	52	58	52	63	41	57
Putnam	51	60	49	51	44	53
Quitman	29	36	21	20	*	*
Rabun	70	80	61	58	54	58
Randolph	35	43	35	38	31	45
Richmond	43	50	44	48	42	48
Rockdale	64	70	64	70	54	66
Schley	60	61	53	59	44	59
Screven	42	52	44	50	42	54
Seminole	41	41	45	46	40	50
Spalding	47	48	46	42	42	46
Stephens	59	69	59	59	61	66
Stewart	36	50	38	56	30	45
Sumter	41	43	38	39	31	47
Talbot	24	30	24	33	17	23
Taliaferro	28	47	30	29	*	*
Tattnall	49	54	39	43	48	59
Taylor	36	42	40	42	34	46
Telfair	49	54	49	49	50	65
Terrell	26	29	25	27	22	29
Thomas	50	59	46	49	43	55
Tift	50	65	49	55	44	55
Toombs	52	57	55	60	57	59
Towns	65	70	59	61	57	64
Treutlen	43	57	45	51	44	57
Troup	52	57	49	51	43	56
Turner	53	77	50	65	36	53
Twiggs	36	44	39	46	32	36
Union	60	74	60	67	52	63
Upson	48	52	52	55	51	56
Walker	53	62	49	55	44	52
Walton	52	54	50	50	45	50
Ware	57	65	54	65	48	60
Warren	30	32	21	28	18	30
Washington	46	47	45	50	45	50
Wayne	54	57	51	55	49	57
Webster	32	42	44	44	30	53
Wheeler	51	57	50	56	33	44
White	61	67	60	66	58	60
Whitfield	51	58	49	55	47	54
Wilcox	50	60	51	50	46	57
Wilkes	36	51	48	53	47	60
Wilkinson	46	55	46	50	42	53
Worth	48	48	47	47	38	46
Georgia	54	62	53	59	48	57

* No scores for 8th grade reported for county.

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High School Completions. *On time public high school completions reported by the school system, number for the 1999-2000 school year, rates (per 100 unduplicated enrollments) for the 1998-1999 and 1999-2000 school years, and percent change between the two time periods.*

County	2000 Number	1999 Rate	2000 Rate	Percent Change
Appling	216	69.7	69.2	0.8
Atkinson	76	61.4	61.3	-0.2
Bacon	109	69.5	69.4	12.9
Baker*				
Baldwin	308	62.2	59.6	-5.8
Banks	84	65.5	66.1	1.0
Barrow	394	64.1	59.0	-9.5
Bartow	626	59.6	67.6	13.5
Ben Hill	185	66.4	65.6	-1.3
Berrien	155	70.5	60.5	-14.2
Bibb	1,806	56.5	62.4	10.5
Bleckley	130	65.6	71.0	8.3
Brantley	152	62.5	66.7	6.7
Brooks	122	58.5	58.2	-0.5
Bryan	253	64.5	57.9	-10.2
Bulloch	427	61.8	66.4	7.5
Burke	220	62.6	63.4	1.3
Butts	162	68.8	71.4	3.7
Calhoun	47	58.4	65.3	9.9
Camden	420	58.0	60.8	4.8
Candler	99	61.0	70.3	15.4
Carroll	726	69.7	76.2	9.4
Catoosa	444	72.8	72.7	-0.2
Charlton	104	56.6	66.2	17.1
Chatham	1,487	62.1	62.4	0.5
Chattahoochee*				
Chattooga	215	61.3	67.6	10.2
Cherokee	1,186	66.0	61.6	2.2
Clarke	517	51.2	56.8	10.9
Clay*				
Clayton	1,741	59.9	56.9	-4.9
Clinch	77	71.9	72.0	0.0
Cobb	5,599	82.7	82.5	-0.2
Coffee	342	69.7	74.7	7.1
Colquitt	423	66.2	64.8	7.6
Columbia	1,098	82.2	78.3	-4.8
Cook	146	59.5	69.2	16.2
Coweta	735	67.1	65.5	-2.3
Crawford	99	66.3	69.2	4.3
Crisp	163	49.2	47.8	-2.9
Dade	148	69.9	68.2	-2.5
Dawson	106	67.9	63.1	-7.1
Decatur	294	62.5	64.9	3.7
DeKalb	4,774	69.9	74.0	5.8
Dodge	167	73.0	71.1	-2.6
Dooly	95	53.5	64.2	20.1
Dougherty	719	54.0	53.7	-0.4
Douglas	872	78.5	78.1	-0.6
Early	148	78.2	84.1	6.2
Echols	32	68.4	66.7	-2.6
Effingham	416	70.2	72.1	2.7
Elbert	173	67.9	65.5	-3.5
Emanuel	302	67.8	70.9	5.0

County	2000 Number	1999 Rate	2000 Rate	Percent Change
Evans	90	69.1	71.8	5.3
Fannin	173	64.2	70.6	9.9
Fayette	1,286	86.7	88.0	1.5
Floyd	791	77.1	78.2	1.5
Forsyth	814	75.0	77.8	3.7
Franklin	178	62.5	62.0	-0.8
Fulton	5,301	66.4	70.9	6.7
Gilmer	142	67.7	64.5	-4.7
Glascock	28	76.8	86.8	1.3
Glynn	579	58.4	68.2	6.7
Gordon	385	67.4	68.8	2.3
Grady	282	59.8	59.1	-1.2
Greene	109	67.3	57.4	-14.7
Gwinnett	5,479	88.4	88.4	0.0
Habersham	382	69.1	74.8	8.1
Hall	975	69.2	73.6	6.3
Hancock	72	68.7	80.8	14.8
Haralson	214	61.8	62.8	1.7
Harris	206	75.8	76.3	0.6
Hart	162	72.7	61.6	-15.3
Heard	98	57.5	68.5	19.2
Henry	977	78.4	75.9	7.8
Houston	1,220	73.4	78.7	7.2
Irwin	95	64.2	67.4	5.0
Jackson	329	72.2	71.7	-0.8
Jasper	93	74.3	73.2	-1.5
Jeff Davis	134	62.2	70.2	12.8
Jefferson	200	75.4	74.9	-0.7
Jenkins	98	66.9	67.6	1.0
Johnson	88	69.4	66.0	-4.8
Jones	269	83.5	82.0	-1.8
Lamar	199	62.4	72.6	16.3
Lanier	59	59.2	56.2	-5.1
Laurens	516	69.5	73.2	5.3
Lee	315	86.0	96.0	2.3
Liberty	432	80.9	77.4	-4.3
Lincoln	85	65.8	76.4	28.7
Long	73	65.9	56.2	-14.8
Lowndes	794	64.3	65.0	1.0
Lumpkin	115	64.0	69.3	8.3
Macon	199	64.8	56.5	-12.8
Madison	226	63.5	61.9	-2.5
Marion	119	69.2	84.0	21.5
McDuffie	238	58.2	64.7	11.2
McIntosh	78	68.7	85.5	24.5
Meriwether	188	64.3	62.9	-2.2
Miller	79	74.7	73.8	-1.3
Mitchell	255	68.7	65.7	-4.3
Monroe	174	64.3	67.7	5.2
Montgomery	67	58.8	74.4	26.7
Morgan	196	68.5	78.8	15.0
Murray	228	43.6	50.7	16.3
Muscogee	1,775	78.3	78.7	0.6

County	2000 Number	1999 Rate	2000 Rate	Percent Change
Newton	375	71.4	70.6	-1.1
Oconee	317	83.5	80.1	-4.1
Oglethorpe	79	61.3	53.0	-13.6
Paulding	560	60.6	71.3	17.8
Peach	244	72.5	74.2	2.2
Pickens	179	58.1	62.6	7.7
Pierce	184	68.8	66.4	-3.4
Pike	127	70.2	65.8	-6.3
Polk	312	54.1	57.2	5.8
Pulaski	88	79.4	72.1	-9.2
Putnam	135	74.4	74.6	0.3
Quitman*				
Rabun	114	71.5	69.1	-3.4
Randolph	88	48.9	54.4	11.2
Richmond	1,725	67.6	69.1	2.2
Rockdale	758	85.5	87.3	2.2
Schley*				
Screven	188	60.6	64.3	6.1
Seminole	97	78.7	75.2	-4.5
Spalding	456	53.3	56.6	6.2
Stephens	198	69.2	68.5	-1.0
Stewart	42	60.3	60.0	-0.5
Sumter	281	55.8	58.9	5.2
Talbot	25	77.6	42.6	-45.1
Taliaferro*				
Tattnall	170	60.2	61.8	2.7
Taylor	77	68.8	58.8	-14.6
Telfair	87	62.1	70.7	14.0
Terrell	99	71.4	60.0	-16.0
Thomas	400	68.4	70.2	2.7
Tift	348	65.0	63.8	-1.9
Toombs	264	66.4	64.5	-2.7
Towns	67	69.2	68.7	-1.6
Treutlen	79	74.7	80.6	7.9
Troup	529	70.6	75.7	7.2
Turner	91	64.9	55.5	-14.5
Twiggs	109	61.4	60.2	-1.9
Union	158	61.1	65.0	6.5
Upson	237	66.1	58.1	-12.1
Walker	495	53.3	57.2	7.2
Walton	481	66.2	75.0	13.3
Ware	313	70.3	68.3	-2.7
Warren	56	77.8	70.0	-10.0
Washington	219	68.0	63.7	7.8
Wayne	256	59.2	68.0	14.9
Webster*				
Wheeler	59	70.9	77.8	-1.7
White	129	68.0	71.5	3.6
Whitfield	887	64.8	64.1	-1.0
Wilcox	88	79.8	77.2	-3.3
Wilkes	125	84.7	84.0	-0.9
Wilkinson	94	68.6	67.8	-1.4
Worth	213	70.9	62.6	-11.7
Georgia	67,266	68.9	70.7	2.6

* No high school in county.

High School Graduates Eligible For HOPE Scholarship.

High school graduates eligible for HOPE scholarship reported by the school system, number for the 1999-2000 school year, rates (per 100 graduates) for the 1998-1999 and 1999-2000 school years, and percent change between the two time periods.

County	2000 Number	1999 Rate	2000 Rate	Percent Change
Appling	98	48.4	37.0	-23.4
Atkinson	24	41.0	31.6	-23.0
Bacon	48	53.6	44.4	-17.0
Baker*				
Baldwin	112	33.2	35.4	6.4
Banks	52	56.8	61.9	8.9
Barrow	182	60.6	59.9	-0.2
Bartow	351	56.9	56.1	-1.5
Ben Hill	94	56.4	50.6	-9.9
Berrien	72	54.1	46.5	-14.2
Bibb	524	53.7	52.1	-3.0
Bleckley	50	53.3	38.5	-27.8
Brantley	75	39.4	49.3	25.3
Brooks	30	43.0	24.6	-42.8
Bryan	115	61.3	45.5	-25.9
Bulloch	183	52.5	42.9	-18.4
Burke	66	36.8	30.0	-18.5
Butts	61	42.9	37.7	-12.3
Calhoun	19	44.7	40.4	-9.6
Camden	249	59.9	59.3	-1.0
Candler	41	56.3	45.6	-19.0
Carroll	453	66.9	62.4	-6.7
Catoosa	257	70.2	60.1	-14.3
Charlton	35	50.7	33.7	-33.6
Chatham	673	52.2	45.3	-13.2
Chattahoochee*				
Chattooga	98	52.6	45.6	-13.4
Cherokee	888	72.9	72.5	-0.5
Clarke	325	64.9	62.9	-3.2
Clay*				
Clayton	1,041	59.1	59.6	2.9
Clinch	34	62.2	44.2	-29.0
Cobb	4,084	76.0	72.9	-4.0
Coffee	159	52.9	46.5	-12.1
Colquitt	198	53.3	44.4	-16.6
Columbia	631	66.5	57.5	-13.5
Cook	98	52.7	41.1	-22.0
Coweta	467	66.2	63.5	-4.1
Crawford	43	52.2	43.4	-16.8
Crisp	82	48.9	50.3	2.8
Dade	74	67.2	50.0	-25.6
Dawson	53	53.7	50.0	-6.9
Decatur	129	48.5	43.0	-11.4
DeKalb	2,952	61.3	61.8	0.9
Dodge	98	60.5	53.9	-10.9
Dooly	54	55.3	56.8	2.8
Dougherty	285	42.3	36.9	-12.9
Douglas	527	63.7	60.4	-5.1
Early	72	46.9	48.6	3.7
Echols	17	53.8	53.1	-1.3
Effingham	223	65.7	53.6	-18.4
Elbert	91	48.6	52.6	8.2
Emanuel	112	57.5	37.1	-35.5

County	2000 Number	1999 Rate	2000 Rate	Percent Change
Evans	59	62.3	56.2	-9.9
Fannin	104	53.7	60.1	12.0
Fayette	875	75.1	69.0	-8.4
Floyd	500	71.9	66.6	-7.4
Forsyth	412	68.7	67.1	-2.7
Franklin	80	61.7	50.0	-19.0
Fulton	3,324	68.5	62.7	-8.4
Gilmer	60	53.8	42.3	-21.5
Glascock	12	31.8	42.9	34.7
Glynn	312	56.7	53.9	-3.3
Gordon	202	61.8	52.5	-14.8
Grady	79	54.1	39.1	-27.7
Greene	42	35.4	38.5	8.8
Gwinnett	3,928	71.2	71.7	4.7
Habersham	199	70.1	64.6	-7.9
Hall	845	68.3	65.9	-4.1
Hancock	42	48.9	58.3	19.3
Haralson	119	64.9	55.1	-15.1
Harris	139	69.8	67.5	-3.3
Hart	95	58.9	52.5	-10.9
Heard	43	44.9	43.9	-2.3
Henry	576	67.1	59.0	-12.1
Houston	995	58.5	48.8	-16.7
Irwin	62	63.7	65.3	2.4
Jackson	178	56.9	54.1	-4.9
Jasper	27	37.9	29.9	-21.6
Jeff Davis	98	50.7	37.2	-26.4
Jefferson	56	35.3	28.8	-28.8
Jenkins	33	55.0	33.7	-39.6
Johnson	24	55.8	35.3	-36.8
Jones	127	42.2	47.2	11.7
Lamar	80	52.0	37.7	-27.5
Lanier	16	46.6	27.1	-41.7
Laurens	223	49.4	43.2	-12.5
Lee	182	62.1	57.8	-7.0
Liberty	200	52.6	46.3	-12.3
Lincoln	43	62.7	50.6	-19.3
Long	31	42.9	42.5	-0.9
Lowndes	351	55.1	44.2	-19.7
Lumpkin	67	58.7	58.3	-0.8
Macon	52	42.0	47.7	13.5
Madison	106	57.5	46.9	-18.5
Marion	48	46.3	40.3	-12.9
McDuffie	133	67.7	55.9	-17.5
McIntosh	44	54.4	58.4	7.7
Meriwether	104	47.6	55.3	16.2
Miller	40	54.1	52.6	-2.6
Mitchell	128	58.6	58.2	-0.9
Monroe	118	55.0	67.9	23.4
Montgomery	31	51.1	46.3	-9.4
Morgan	53	48.4	44.6	-7.9
Murray	148	65.5	64.0	-2.2
Muscogee	997	57.8	56.2	-2.9

County	2000 Number	1999 Rate	2000 Rate	Percent Change
Newton	229	61.6	61.1	-0.9
Oconee	191	71.8	60.3	-16.1
Oglethorpe	38	47.8	49.4	3.2
Paulding	326	61.5	58.2	-5.4
Peach	141	60.7	57.8	-4.8
Pickens	109	55.3	60.9	10.0
Pierce	84	48.5	46.7	-3.8
Pike	67	75.0	52.8	-29.7
Polk	146	60.1	46.8	-4.7
Pulaski	38	42.0	34.1	-18.8
Putnam	43	28.6	31.9	11.5
Quitman*				
Rabun	58	60.2	50.9	-15.5
Randolph	38	40.2	47.5	18.1
Richmond	932	50.6	54.0	6.7
Rockdale	475	73.6	62.6	-15.0
Schley*				
Screven	45	37.5	28.1	-25.0
Seminole	36	50.0	37.1	-26.0
Spalding	294	50.0	64.5	28.9
Stephens	100	68.3	50.5	-26.1
Stewart	15	31.7	35.7	12.6
Sumter	106	39.2	40.6	3.5
Talbot	15	30.8	57.7	87.5
Taliaferro*				
Tattnall	80	43.1	34.7	-19.4
Taylor	38	40.6	49.4	21.7
Telfair	29	48.1	33.3	-32.1
Terrell	45	41.1	50.0	21.6
Thomas	180	58.5	45.0	-23.0
Tift	217	60.2	63.8	6.0
Toombs	112	48.6	42.4	-14.5
Towns	35	52.7	74.5	41.2
Treutlen	29	46.5	36.7	-21.0
Troup	308	48.7	58.2	19.7
Turner	30	47.1	33.8	-28.0
Twiggs	43	38.9	39.4	1.3
Union	67	54.4	42.4	-22.0
Upson	79	42.6	33.3	-21.8
Walker	250	61.1	58.1	-4.2
Walton	241	59.3	52.3	-11.9
Ware	162	54.2	51.8	-4.4
Warren	14	33.9	25.0	-26.3
Washington	90	47.4	41.1	-13.4
Wayne	127	55.6	47.7	-14.1
Webster*				
Wheeler	18	51.7	30.5	-41.0
White	72	66.9	56.3	-15.9
Whitfield	442	71.7	63.6	-11.5
Wilcox	43	53.8	48.9	-9.3
Wilkes	53	38.5	42.1	9.2
Wilkinson	53	44.8	56.4	25.9
Worth	99	47.9	42.3	-11.8
Georgia	39,110	61.5	57.6	-6.3

* No high school in county.

Babies Born To Mothers With Less Than 12 Years Of Education.

Babies born to mothers with less than 12 years of education, number for 1997-1999, rates (per 100 live births) for 1994-1996 and 1997-1999, and percent change between the two time periods.

County	1997-99 Number	1994-96 Rate	1997-99 Rate	Percent Change
Appling	262	34.7	33.0	-4.7
Atkinson	229	42.3	45.5	7.7
Bacon	139	34.6	32.9	-5.2
Baker	44	36.2	35.8	-1.1
Baldwin	347	26.7	23.2	-13.0
Banks	194	29.1	30.4	35.3
Barrow	528	25.8	23.9	-10.6
Bartow	1,150	23.5	23.0	-1.9
Ben Hill	356	37.7	41.3	9.5
Berrien	240	33.2	31.1	-6.3
Bibb	1,850	26.4	24.8	-6.2
Bleckley	106	24.9	22.8	-8.6
Brantley	88	26.1	27.0	3.6
Brooks	187	37.0	33.2	-10.3
Bryan	240	25.3	21.1	-16.7
Bulloch	424	24.1	21.4	-11.2
Burke	389	32.4	34.9	7.7
Butts	231	28.4	29.8	4.9
Calhoun	86	26.8	28.8	7.2
Camden	285	12.1	12.8	5.9
Candler	177	38.0	39.7	4.5
Carroll	1,052	28.5	27.6	-3.3
Catoosa	484	27.2	26.0	-4.6
Charlton	126	30.8	29.9	-3.0
Chatham	2,082	21.6	19.6	-9.3
Chattahoochee	77	10.8	10.8	-0.4
Chattooga	396	35.6	40.3	13.1
Cherokee	992	14.1	15.4	8.6
Clarke	900	23.7	24.4	2.9
Clay	56	31.3	27.1	-13.5
Clayton	2,475	20.9	21.2	1.3
Clinch	110	34.6	33.5	-3.2
Cobb	3,844	12.4	14.2	14.4
Coffee	743	40.2	38.7	-3.7
Colquitt	747	43.2	39.1	-9.5
Columbia	389	11.4	11.3	-1.0
Cook	263	40.7	36.5	-10.3
Coweta	790	22.0	19.1	-13.2
Crawford	84	23.8	19.7	-17.5
Crisp	452	37.4	42.9	14.6
Dade	162	38.5	29.3	-4.1
Dawson	168	22.9	23.9	4.7
Decatur	456	35.9	34.0	-5.4
DeKalb	5,022	15.8	16.3	3.3
Dodge	178	26.9	25.3	-5.9
Dooly	229	34.2	40.5	18.4
Dougherty	1,568	33.0	31.6	-4.2
Douglas	863	19.4	16.6	-14.4
Early	170	35.4	30.4	-14.2
Echols	25	30.4	43.9	14.3
Effingham	303	23.0	19.8	-14.0
Elbert	231	32.6	30.8	-5.4
Emanuel	285	38.4	40.4	5.3

County	1997-99 Number	1994-96 Rate	1997-99 Rate	Percent Change
Evans	143	33.3	31.8	-4.7
Fannin	194	26.6	28.7	7.8
Fayette	215	7.9	8.2	4.2
Floyd	1,195	29.7	33.0	11.2
Forsyth	852	14.9	11.8	-21.0
Franklin	222	32.3	29.9	-7.5
Fulton	6,883	22.0	21.0	-5.0
Gilmer	413	40.4	41.0	1.6
Glascock	28	29.7	27.5	-7.5
Glynn	711	26.2	26.7	1.9
Gordon	768	35.2	37.9	7.6
Grady	357	34.9	37.8	8.2
Greene	208	25.2	25.6	1.7
Gwinnett	3,877	9.9	11.7	18.1
Habersham	504	32.6	34.7	6.5
Hall	2,814	37.3	39.9	7.1
Hancock	92	21.2	22.9	8.3
Haralson	222	31.7	31.2	-1.4
Harris	97	16.6	11.6	-30.4
Hart	152	24.4	19.9	-18.1
Heard	126	36.8	27.6	-25.1
Henry	801	14.8	14.7	-0.5
Houston	691	19.5	15.5	-20.5
Irwin	104	30.8	30.6	-0.8
Jackson	567	35.7	30.0	-15.9
Jasper	94	29.2	26.8	-8.0
Jeff Davis	240	35.2	35.8	1.7
Jefferson	268	34.1	32.4	-4.8
Jenkins	134	36.3	35.7	-4.7
Johnson	135	41.8	34.3	-17.8
Jones	173	28.5	28.8	1.5
Lamar	175	29.3	29.2	-0.5
Lanier	86	37.7	34.5	-8.4
Laurens	503	27.7	26.6	-4.1
Lee	194	19.4	21.0	8.1
Liberty	519	12.2	11.5	-5.6
Lincoln	59	21.2	24.5	15.4
Long	91	20.3	18.5	-8.9
Lowndes	1,024	25.1	23.1	-11.4
Lumpkin	202	28.1	29.4	4.8
Macon	247	28.4	28.3	-0.3
Madison	258	29.4	29.0	-1.1
Marion	107	32.3	34.7	7.7
McDuffie	323	31.1	33.0	6.0
McIntosh	125	31.3	27.8	-11.0
Meriwether	255	34.4	28.3	-17.7
Miller	63	36.1	26.9	-25.4
Mitchell	385	36.5	34.1	-6.4
Monroe	192	25.2	23.8	-5.3
Montgomery	104	30.8	32.2	4.5
Morgan	137	28.3	23.2	-18.1
Murray	985	42.2	42.9	1.6
Muscogee	2,826	22.7	22.1	-2.7

County	1997-99 Number	1994-96 Rate	1997-99 Rate	Percent Change
Newton	792	27.7	23.5	-15.1
Oconee	89	11.6	11.9	2.3
Oglethorpe	101	26.3	25.5	-2.9
Paulding	458	14.7	12.1	-27.7
Peach	301	28.3	26.8	-5.3
Pickens	222	38.1	38.1	-0.8
Pierce	180	30.0	25.4	-15.2
Pike	109	22.3	19.9	-10.9
Polk	881	34.9	37.7	8.1
Pulaski	94	24.8	24.9	0.7
Putnam	150	26.0	27.5	5.9
Quitman	29	37.5	30.8	-17.9
Rabun	129	25.4	25.3	-0.3
Randolph	128	33.2	33.6	1.1
Richmond	2,230	24.4	23.7	-2.8
Rockdale	466	20.6	18.2	-11.6
Schley	66	32.2	34.9	8.6
Screven	180	33.6	29.3	-12.8
Seminole	130	36.6	33.3	-8.9
Spalding	956	35.1	35.8	2.0
Stephens	283	23.2	24.4	5.3
Stewart	51	25.4	25.5	0.2
Sumter	467	31.5	28.5	-9.7
Talbot	55	24.7	22.1	-10.4
Taliaferro	23	38.9	32.4	4.9
Tattnall	421	41.4	41.8	0.8
Taylor	119	35.9	32.8	-8.6
Telfair	151	36.1	32.7	-9.3
Terrell	195	36.1	33.9	-6.0
Thomas	568	28.5	28.0	-1.7
Tift	760	48.7	48.0	-1.7
Toombs	502	36.7	38.2	1.3
Towns	66	20.8	18.3	-12.2
Treutlen	90	36.8	36.3	-1.5
Troup	631	25.9	22.8	-11.8
Turner	168	33.9	36.7	8.0
Twiggs	109	31.9	27.3	-11.7
Union	108	26.2	21.7	-17.2
Upson	327	30.4	31.0	1.9
Walker	794	35.7	32.9	-7.8
Walton	630	24.5	21.7	-11.4
Ware	454	32.8	29.4	-10.4
Warren	88	32.4	25.1	-22.6
Washington	215	25.3	27.4	8.4
Wayne	330	33.4	32.1	-3.8
Webster	18	23.7	22.8	-7.3
Wheeler	73	34.2	33.3	-2.6
White	176	25.3	26.4	3.8
Whitfield	2,295	46.2	47.4	2.5
Wilcox	119	30.4	32.2	6.0
Wilkes	115	29.8	28.4	-2.3
Wilkinson	109	22.6	21.8	-3.5
Worth	260	31.8	31.7	-0.3
Georgia	**83,816**	**23.2**	**22.6**	**-2.4**

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Safety and Security

Young people in Georgia face an array of threats to their safety and security. Recognizing these dangers and developing effective prevention programs is one of the greatest challenges of the new century.

For all but the very youngest of children, the leading causes of fatalities are increasingly a reflection of dangers in the home and community rather than physical health. Chief among these are motor vehicle accidents.

Many of the key service systems, such as child protection and juvenile justice, are stretched to their limits. New community-based approaches are needed to capitalize on young people's strengths and help them develop their skills, exert their leadership and contribute to their community.

Leading causes of child fatalities, Georgia, 1999

	Medical	Vehicle Crash	Homicide	Drowning	Total Number
Ages 1-4	52%	21%	8%	11%	160
Ages 5-14	43%	30%	6%	8%	279
Ages 15-17	24%	43%	11%	5%	228

Child Deaths

This indicator represents the number of deaths from all causes to children ages 1 through 14, per 100,000 children. In 1999, the child death rate in Georgia was 27.1 per 100,000. This was a decline from the 1990 rate of 35.8 per 100,000.

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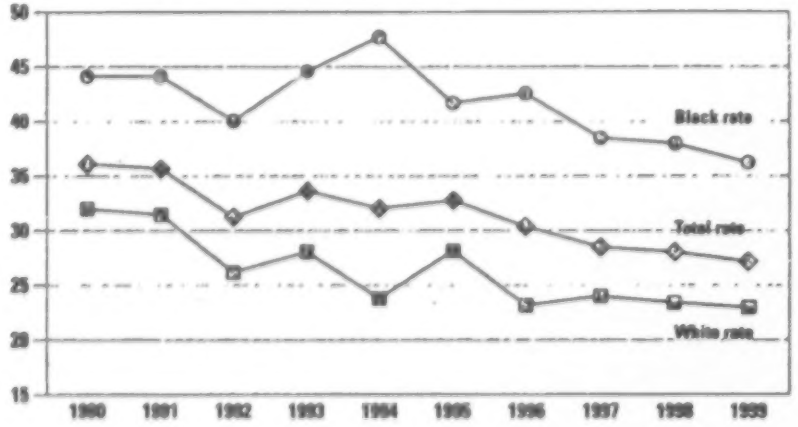
Child Deaths Ages 1-14, Georgia, 1990 - 1999 (per 100,000)



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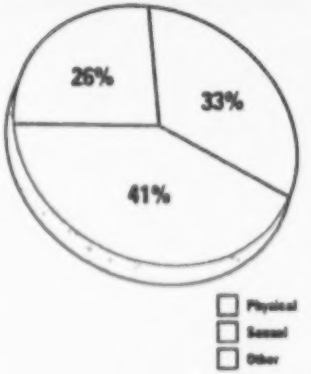
Teen Deaths by Accident, Homicide & Suicide

This indicator represents the number of deaths by accident, homicide and suicide to teens ages 15 through 19, per 100,000 teens. In 1999, the teen violent death rate was 61.5 per 100,000. This was a decline from the 1990 rate of 74.6 per 100,000.

Child Abuse & Neglect

This indicator represents the number of substantiated incidents of child abuse and neglect per 1,000 children. The number of reports and investigations influences the rate of substantiated incidents. A child may be abused or neglected in more than one way, or more than one time during the year, so the number of incidents may be more than the number of children mistreated. In 1999, there were 27,377 substantiated incidents of child abuse and neglect. The 1999 rate of 13.4 per 1,000 was a decrease from the 1992 rate of 14.9 per 1,000.

Types of substantiated incidents of child abuse, Georgia, 1999



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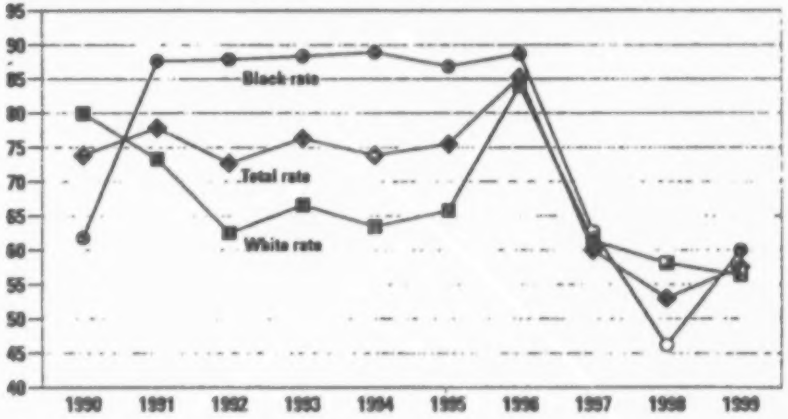
Teen Violent Deaths Ages 15-19, Georgia, 1990 - 1999 (per 100,000)



Counties with highest rate of substantiated incidence of child abuse and neglect, 1999

	Rate per 1000
Echols	46.9
Colquitt	45.8
Webster	44.0
Clarke	43.8
Baker	43.0
Rabun	41.5
Worth	41.1
Brantley	40.8
Evans	39.9
Glascock	36.6
Cook	36.3
Irwin	35.4
Brooks	34.5
Chattooga	33.8
Dodge	32.4
Tattnall	32.3
Toombs	32.1

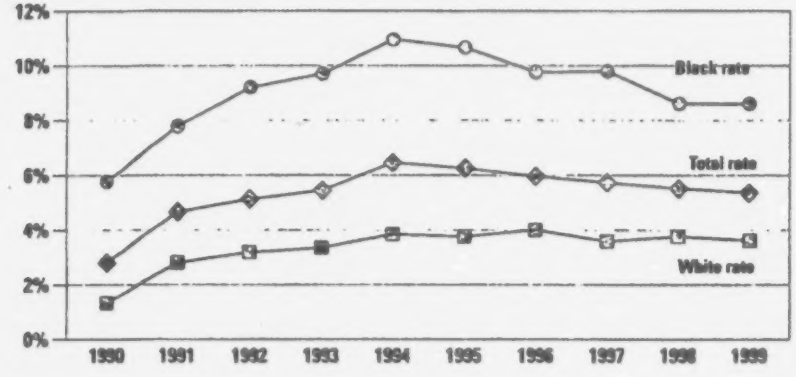
Juvenile Arrests

This indicator represents the number of arrests of youth ages 10 through 17 and the ratio per 100. Since arrest data are reported by the place of the arrest and not the place of residence, a ratio is presented rather than percentage. Since a youth may be arrested more than once during the year, the number of arrests may be more than the number of juveniles arrested. Being arrested has serious short and long-term ramifications and can significantly affect the life course of young people. In 1999, there were 47,864 arrests of youth ages 10-17. The 1999 ratio was 5.4 per 100, compared to 2.9 per 100 in 1990.

Counties with highest ratio of juvenile arrests, 1999

	Ratio per 100
Houston	21
Upson	17
Clarke	15
Stewart	15
Douglas	13
Ware	13
Spalding	13
Muscogee	12
Richmond	12
Baldwin	12

Juvenile arrests, Georgia, 1990 - 1999 (per 100)



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Child Deaths. *Deaths of children ages 1 to 14, number for 1997-1999, rates (per 100,000) for 1994-1996 and 1997-1999, and percent change between the two time periods.*

County	1997-99 Number	1994-96 Rate	1997-99 Rate	Percent Change
Appling	5	46.5	46.0	-1.0
Atkinson	0	•	•	•
Bacon	1	•	•	•
Baker	0	•	•	•
Baldwin	10	36.2	46.5	28.4
Banks	1	•	•	•
Barrow	8	38.0	29.9	-21.4
Bartow	15	17.9	32.5	81.4
Ben Hill	5	49.1	40.6	-17.3
Berrien	3	•	•	•
Bibb	35	43.8	36.9	-15.8
Bleckley	1	•	•	•
Brantley	3	•	•	•
Brooks	4	44.8	•	•
Bryan	7	•	38.6	•
Bulloch	8	55.5	28.5	-48.8
Burke	9	41.7	50.6	21.3
Butts	3	61.1	•	•
Calhoun	4	•	•	•
Camden	4	58.5	•	•
Candler	4	•	•	•
Carroll	12	22.7	23.4	3.0
Catoosa	8	17.8	27.0	52.2
Charlton	3	•	•	•
Chatham	33	33.7	23.5	-30.2
Chattahoochee	0	•	•	•
Chattooga	6	37.3	45.5	21.9
Cherokee	21	14.2	23.3	63.7
Clarke	14	27.1	31.3	15.7
Clay	1	•	•	•
Clayton	36	38.6	25.4	-13.0
Clinch	1	•	•	•
Cobb	89	24.6	20.2	-17.6
Coffee	7	61.3	29.2	-52.4
Colquitt	8	35.1	29.6	-15.8
Columbia	19	16.5	15.6	-5.9
Cook	5	53.5	50.7	-5.1
Coweta	7	35.4	12.4	-65.1
Crawford	2	•	•	•
Crisp	8	55.5	42.0	-24.3
Dade	0	•	•	•
Dawson	0	•	•	•
Decatur	9	•	46.7	•
DeKalb	104	30.1	31.5	4.9
Dodge	3	75.3	•	•
Dooly	3	•	•	•
Dougherty	20	38.3	38.5	-27.3
Douglas	12	31.2	20.5	-34.3
Early	5	•	38.2	•
Echols	0	•	•	•
Effingham	5	21.4	18.8	-12.2
Elbert	2	•	•	•
Emanuel	2	•	•	•
Evans	2	•	•	•
Fannin	1	•	•	•
Fayette	9	33.7	15.4	-54.4
Floyd	17	43.4	36.6	-15.6
Forsyth	17	21.2	32.7	54.1
Franklin	2	•	•	•
Fulton	132	36.4	31.5	-13.6
Gilmer	6	53.7	56.4	5.0
Glascock	0	•	•	•
Glynn	8	47.7	19.9	-58.3
Gordon	8	•	31.8	•
Grady	8	•	57.3	•
Greene	3	•	•	•
Gwinnett	65	28.0	18.7	-6.3
Habersham	6	•	24.6	•
Hall	31	42.2	42.6	1.1
Hancock	3	105.0	•	•
Haralson	7	34.4	46.0	33.7
Harris	1	•	•	•
Hart	5	•	41.1	•
Heard	3	111.5	•	•
Henry	16	18.1	23.6	29.8
Houston	15	24.1	21.8	-9.8
Irwin	1	•	•	•
Jackson	6	37.7	25.6	-32.2
Jasper	3	•	•	•
Jeff Davis	3	•	•	•
Jefferson	1	•	•	•
Jenkins	2	•	•	•
Johnson	2	•	•	•
Jones	6	•	49.8	•
Lamar	2	•	•	•
Lanier	2	•	•	•
Laurens	12	42.4	41.8	-1.5
Lee	2	•	•	•
Liberty	9	34.9	19.3	-44.7
Lincoln	3	•	•	•
Long	4	•	•	•
Lowndes	19	27.9	32.9	18.4
Lumpkin	2	•	•	•
Macon	8	93.2	•	•
Madison	4	•	•	•
Marion	3	•	•	•
McDuffie	5	54.4	33.9	-37.7
McIntosh	3	83.8	•	•
Meriwether	5	•	32.9	•
Miller	1	•	•	•
Mitchell	13	•	84.5	•
Monroe	1	•	•	•
Montgomery	3	•	•	•
Morgan	7	•	73.6	•
Murray	5	•	22.9	•
Muscogee	31	38.5	27.9	-11.4
Newton	15	21.1	38.7	83.3
Oconee	0	•	•	•
Oglethorpe	2	•	•	•
Paulding	16	19.5	31.2	59.8
Peach	4	47.5	•	•
Pickens	2	62.2	•	•
Pierce	2	•	•	•
Pike	4	•	•	•
Polk	6	37.6	27.3	-27.4
Pulaski	1	•	•	•
Putnam	5	•	48.3	•
Quitman	0	•	•	•
Rabun	1	•	•	•
Randolph	0	•	•	•
Richmond	39	35.6	25.2	-29.3
Rockdale	8	33.2	18.2	-45.2
Schley	0	•	•	•
Screven	3	•	•	•
Seminole	3	•	•	•
Spalding	9	28.9	24.3	-8.7
Stephens	3	•	•	•
Stewart	4	•	•	•
Sumter	8	42.8	37.6	-12.0
Talbot	3	•	•	•
Taliaferro	0	•	•	•
Tattnall	3	46.9	•	•
Taylor	1	•	•	•
Telfair	1	20.0	•	•
Terrell	4	•	•	•
Thomas	13	32.7	45.9	40.3
Tift	9	40.6	29.2	-28.4
Toombs	4	34.1	•	•
Towns	1	•	•	•
Treutlen	0	•	•	•
Troup	29	23.8	52.4	120.7
Turner	1	105.9	•	•
Twiggs	2	•	•	•
Union	0	•	•	•
Upson	1	•	•	•
Walker	12	38.6	32.7	7.1
Walton	19	29.3	28.1	-4.4
Ware	7	49.6	32.4	-34.8
Warren	2	148.4	•	•
Washington	4	43.8	•	•
Wayne	7	35.4	41.4	13.8
Webster	1	•	•	•
Wheeler	3	•	•	•
White	3	•	•	•
Whitfield	10	22.9	20.0	-12.6
Wilcox	3	•	•	•
Wilkes	4	•	•	•
Wilkinson	1	•	•	•
Worth	9	46.2	57.3	24.0
Georgia	**1,328**	**31.5**	**27.9**	**-11.5**

* Number too small to calculate a rate.

Teen Deaths By Accident, Homicide, And Suicide. *Deaths of teens ages 15 to 19 by accident, homicide, and suicide, number for 1997-1999, rates (per 100,000) for 1994-1996 and 1997-1999, and percent change between the two time periods.*

County	1997-99 Number	1994-96 Rate	1997-99 Rate	Percent Change
Appling	6	*	141.3	*
Atkinson	2	*	*	*
Bacon	1	*	*	*
Baker	0	*	*	*
Baldwin	4	89.3	*	*
Banks	3	*	*	*
Barrow	7	*	83.4	*
Bartow	20	76.4	131.1	71.7
Ben Hill	6	*	145.7	*
Berrien	8	*	209.5	*
Bibb	24	75.0	67.3	-10.3
Bleckley	2	*	*	*
Brantley	3	*	*	*
Brooks	1	137.4	*	*
Bryan	3	*	*	*
Bulloch	6	*	38.6	*
Burke	3	194.7	*	*
Butts	2	*	*	*
Calhoun	1	*	*	*
Camden	3	82.7	*	*
Candler	2	*	*	*
Carroll	21	90.7	96.8	28.8
Catoosa	3	78.7	*	*
Charlton	2	*	*	*
Chatham	23	89.7	48.8	-39.5
Chattahoochee	0	*	*	*
Chattooga	7	*	141.3	*
Cherokee	9	75.8	35.5	-53.2
Clarke	12	47.8	39.9	-16.6
Clay	0	*	*	*
Clayton	24	70.8	52.4	-26.0
Clinch	4	*	*	*
Cobb	49	61.2	46.7	-23.7
Coffee	2	76.5	*	*
Colquitt	10	68.8	105.4	53.1
Columbia	8	84.7	41.1	-51.5
Cook	2	*	*	*
Coweta	8	126.7	43.4	-65.8
Crawford	2	*	*	*
Crisp	3	*	*	*
Dade	2	*	*	*
Dawson	2	*	*	*
Decatur	3	76.3	*	*
DeKalb	72	76.8	58.3	-24.1
Dodge	0	*	*	*
Dooly	4	*	*	*
Dougherty	9	74.9	35.3	-52.9
Douglas	18	97.7	92.8	-5.0
Early	3	*	*	*
Echols	1	*	*	*
Effingham	4	*	*	*
Elbert	3	244.1	*	*
Emanuel	4	*	*	*
Evans	5	*	209.6	*
Fannin	5	*	145.7	*
Fayette	11	59.4	57.6	-3.1
Floyd	11	49.1	57.6	17.3
Forsyth	11	74.1	63.3	-14.5
Franklin	5	*	120.3	*
Fulton	110	87.4	69.0	-21.1
Gilmer	5	*	133.5	*
Glascock	0	*	*	*
Glynn	12	84.0	86.1	2.5
Gordon	7	*	75.6	*
Grady	8	*	176.3	*
Greene	0	248.7	*	*
Gwinnett	44	63.8	45.1	-29.3
Habersham	7	86.2	85.8	-0.5
Hall	16	65.4	61.4	-6.2
Hancock	4	*	*	*
Haralson	5	*	97.0	*
Harris	6	*	126.3	*
Hart	5	*	108.5	*
Heard	2	*	*	*
Henry	12	97.5	56.9	-41.6
Houston	12	53.7	54.3	1.0
Irwin	2	264.0	*	*
Jackson	7	149.1	91.1	-38.9
Jasper	1	*	*	*
Jeff Davis	4	*	*	*
Jefferson	1	*	*	*
Jenkins	1	*	*	*
Johnson	0	*	*	*
Jones	5	*	98.6	*
Lamar	3	*	*	*
Lanier	0	*	*	*
Laurens	4	90.5	*	*
Lee	5	*	96.7	*
Liberty	5	56.0	37.7	-31.5
Lincoln	1	*	*	*
Long	0	*	*	*
Lowndes	9	48.6	41.4	-14.7
Lumpkin	3	*	*	*
Macon	1	*	*	*
Madison	5	*	95.2	*
Marion	1	*	*	*
McDuffie	4	175.1	*	*
Mcintosh	2	*	*	*
Meriwether	3	145.9	*	*
Miller	0	*	*	*
Mitchell	4	145.8	*	*
Monroe	5	163.4	108.2	-33.8
Montgomery	1	*	*	*
Morgan	2	*	*	*
Murray	1	*	*	*
Muscogee	17	72.6	48.3	-44.4
Newton	7	94.3	51.3	-45.6
Oconee	1	*	*	*
Oglethorpe	2	*	*	*
Paulding	17	99.2	108.7	9.5
Peach	2	*	*	*
Pickens	2	*	*	*
Pierce	3	*	*	*
Pike	5	*	191.0	*
Polk	4	145.2	*	*
Pulaski	0	*	*	*
Putnam	9	*	250.9	*
Quitman	1	*	*	*
Rabun	1	*	*	*
Randolph	2	*	*	*
Richmond	28	85.8	58.1	-18.2
Rockdale	6	102.1	48.4	-68.4
Schley	0	*	*	*
Screven	0	*	*	*
Seminole	1	*	*	*
Spalding	5	85.1	36.3	-59.8
Stephens	6	*	107.4	*
Stewart	0	*	*	*
Sumter	4	99.2	*	*
Talbot	3	*	*	*
Taliaferro	1	*	*	*
Tattnall	2	166.2	*	*
Taylor	0	*	*	*
Telfair	1	*	*	*
Terrell	0	*	*	*
Thomas	10	85.7	102.3	55.6
Tift	4	85.6	*	*
Toombs	8	118.3	137.8	25.8
Towns	3	*	*	*
Treutlen	2	352.4	*	*
Troup	6	94.4	44.9	-52.4
Turner	2	*	*	*
Twiggs	4	*	*	*
Union	2	*	*	*
Upson	5	*	86.6	*
Walker	5	73.7	38.8	-47.3
Walton	19	131.4	83.6	-36.4
Ware	2	88.9	*	*
Warren	0	*	*	*
Washington	5	115.2	109.8	-4.7
Wayne	4	*	*	*
Webster	0	*	*	*
Wheeler	1	*	*	*
White	4	*	*	*
Whitfield	9	64.8	49.7	-23.3
Wilcox	3	*	*	*
Wilkes	1	*	*	*
Wilkinson	4	*	*	*
Worth	4	137.3	*	*
Georgia	1,833	78.4	61.4	-21.6

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Child Abuse And Neglect. *Substantiated incidents of child abuse and neglect, numbers for 1999, rates (per 1,000 children less than 18) for 1998 and 1999, and percent change between the two time periods.*

County	1999 Number	1998 Rate	1999 Rate	Percent Change
Appling	117	23.3	24.8	6.4
Atkinson	36	17.6	16.3	-7.6
Bacon	42	24.4	13.7	-44.0
Baker	45	14.2	43.8	203.3
Baldwin	90	14.1	9.4	-33.2
Banks	43	11.5	12.7	10.6
Barrow	163	11.5	15.6	35.6
Bartow	222	11.1	11.0	-0.4
Ben Hill	150	21.4	20.4	-9.5
Berrien	81	24.6	18.0	-26.6
Bibb	858	14.8	16.4	10.6
Bleckley	52	15.9	21.3	33.6
Brantley	105	27.6	40.8	47.8
Brooks	166	35.6	34.5	-3.0
Bryan	43	5.4	5.6	3.5
Bulloch	150	18.9	12.7	-32.6
Burke	98	11.9	7.7	-35.3
Butts	85	24.0	18.1	-24.5
Calhoun	24	12.5	16.9	35.5
Camden	85	8.3	6.0	-28.2
Candler	67	18.1	27.3	51.3
Carroll	228	7.0	10.2	45.3
Catoosa	147	12.9	11.3	-12.0
Charlton	40	15.3	13.9	-9.3
Chatham	958	13.4	16.4	22.8
Chattahoochee	25	4.9	8.1	52.6
Chattooga	190	22.7	33.8	48.5
Cherokee	234	3.5	6.0	70.5
Clarke	618	21.4	43.8	39.4
Clay	9	18.3	9.1	-50.4
Clayton	862	12.0	14.7	22.1
Clinch	53	18.7	26.9	43.6
Cobb	896	6.5	6.7	2.2
Coffee	171	12.8	16.5	28.9
Colquitt	535	38.2	45.8	19.9
Columbia	113	4.5	4.2	-7.8
Cook	157	22.6	26.3	11.3
Coweta	256	13.3	10.1	-23.6
Crawford	34	26.9	11.8	-68.0
Crisp	176	24.0	28.9	20.5
Dade	35	11.1	9.3	-15.8
Dawson	49	13.8	11.5	-16.9
Decatur	205	33.2	25.7	-22.5
DeKalb	951	6.4	6.7	5.0
Dodge	149	22.4	32.4	44.6
Dooly	58	12.9	18.6	44.1
Dougherty	404	11.7	14.7	26.1
Douglas	369	8.1	14.7	83.0
Early	67	16.0	18.7	16.9
Echols	36	51.9	48.9	-5.5
Effingham	121	8.9	10.4	16.1
Elbert	71	25.2	14.2	-43.8
Emanuel	86	17.1	13.7	-20.2

County	1999 Number	1998 Rate	1999 Rate	Percent Change
Evans	117	28.4	38.9	37.2
Fannin	73	18.5	17.7	-4.5
Fayette	119	3.3	4.7	41.6
Floyd	469	18.1	23.4	22.8
Forsyth	177	5.2	7.1	37.6
Franklin	73	22.3	16.5	-26.1
Fulton	2,947	13.8	14.2	2.7
Gilmer	67	17.5	14.2	-18.8
Glascock	21	14.3	26.6	195.3
Glynn	242	15.1	14.2	-6.0
Gordon	163	18.3	14.8	-19.0
Grady	72	18.1	12.0	-33.8
Greene	79	34.3	22.7	-33.8
Gwinnett	534	3.2	3.6	10.1
Habersham	142	9.9	19.0	91.4
Hall	698	20.1	21.7	7.8
Hancock	16	13.1	6.7	-48.9
Haralson	128	14.3	18.7	31.7
Harris	86	11.3	15.5	37.2
Hart	169	21.7	29.8	37.3
Heard	33	7.8	11.2	43.5
Henry	268	5.6	8.5	50.7
Houston	662	15.3	15.8	3.3
Irwin	92	46.1	35.4	-23.2
Jackson	155	9.8	15.2	54.0
Jasper	64	22.8	22.0	-3.4
Jeff Davis	74	22.8	21.4	-6.2
Jefferson	83	9.3	15.7	68.5
Jenkins	51	28.7	21.3	-25.8
Johnson	46	20.1	16.8	-16.4
Jones	93	19.2	14.9	-17.7
Lamar	77	20.6	20.2	-2.0
Lanier	46	24.4	23.5	-3.8
Laurens	288	15.5	23.6	52.7
Lee	85	8.9	11.5	29.6
Liberty	323	21.0	17.2	-18.1
Lincoln	33	17.7	15.3	-13.6
Long	62	34.3	30.4	-11.3
Lowndes	392	16.3	16.6	1.3
Lumpkin	64	9.8	13.4	36.4
Macon	95	21.8	23.5	-26.9
Madison	93	3.3	14.2	329.3
Marion	25	61.8	12.9	-79.1
McDuffie	120	6.1	19.2	215.0
McIntosh	71	12.1	25.9	114.2
Meriwether	141	29.2	21.5	-26.2
Miller	43	19.6	25.2	28.8
Mitchell	110	17.9	16.7	-6.9
Monroe	95	13.3	12.5	-6.4
Montgomery	30	21.0	14.7	-29.8
Morgan	31	12.3	7.5	-39.1
Murray	104	7.9	11.0	38.9
Muscogee	595	10.5	10.6	0.2

County	1999 Number	1998 Rate	1999 Rate	Percent Change
Newton	228	10.8	13.7	25.4
Oconee	69	10.4	10.1	-3.1
Oglethorpe	43	5.8	14.5	151.5
Paulding	236	10.1	10.2	1.8
Peach	114	7.9	17.3	120.1
Pickens	77	11.4	14.9	31.3
Pierce	91	7.4	14.1	91.8
Pike	62	19.8	17.9	-9.5
Polk	120	9.3	16.7	79.2
Pulaski	52	17.6	23.7	34.7
Putnam	95	14.2	14.5	1.8
Quitman	12	17.7	19.9	12.6
Rabun	118	31.3	51.5	32.7
Randolph	36	21.2	16.1	-24.1
Richmond	953	10.0	11.2	11.4
Rockdale	190	9.7	10.7	10.4
Schley	34	21.0	30.0	42.5
Screven	71	8.5	17.3	103.2
Seminole	69	25.8	27.0	4.6
Spalding	464	29.0	29.2	0.7
Stephens	83	8.8	14.2	60.8
Stewart	28	11.6	19.7	69.5
Sumter	184	13.5	20.2	49.7
Talbot	30	13.3	16.7	25.4
Taliaferro	5	25.1	9.7	-61.3
Tattnall	152	30.0	32.3	7.5
Taylor	54	20.7	23.9	15.4
Telfair	64	14.9	17.1	14.7
Terrell	60	16.5	12.2	-26.0
Thomas	172	23.2	14.4	-37.9
Tift	233	16.1	22.1	37.1
Toombs	247	32.6	32.1	-1.6
Towns	37	30.7	26.8	-12.7
Treutlen	32	14.2	19.3	35.1
Troup	270	12.7	16.6	31.5
Turner	46	13.4	16.1	19.4
Twiggs	33	12.5	11.0	-11.5
Union	51	12.8	14.3	19.5
Upson	105	9.8	15.6	59.8
Walker	188	5.3	6.4	22.8
Walton	61	5.0	3.8	-24.5
Ware	172	22.8	18.9	-17.4
Warren	37	9.8	22.5	140.4
Washington	108	17.2	18.8	9.0
Wayne	137	14.2	19.0	33.9
Webster	25	*	44.8	*
Wheeler	36	20.8	25.8	24.0
White	84	14.2	16.2	14.2
Whitfield	244	11.3	11.2	0.7
Wilcox	51	24.9	24.5	-1.8
Wilkes	88	24.5	20.6	-16.1
Wilkinson	48	9.6	15.3	60.8
Worth	277	17.7	41.1	133.0
Georgia	27,377	12.3	13.4	9.1

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Juvenile Arrests. *Arrests of juvenile ages 10 to 17, number for 1997-1999, ratios (per 100) for 1994-1996 and 1997-1999, and percent change between the two time periods. Part I Crimes include Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter, Manslaughter by Negligence, Forcible Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary-Breaking or Entering, Larceny-Theft (except Motor Vehicle Theft), Motor Vehicle Theft, Arson. Part II Crimes include anything else.*

County	1997-99 Number Part I	Part II	Total	Ratio 1994-96	Ratio 1997-99	Percent Change
Appling	23	48	71	1.6	1.0	-34.2
Atkinson	9	71	80	1.2	2.7	118.2
Bacon	24	223	247	4.9	5.6	14.9
Baker	4	7	11	1.3	0.7	-44.7
Baldwin	379	1,149	1,528	9.3	11.5	23.4
Banks	15	32	47	1.1	1.0	-8.6
Barrow	281	506	787	6.0	5.7	-4.5
Bartow	278	486	764	2.9	3.1	8.2
Ben Hill	111	124	235	4.7	3.2	-32.0
Berrien	80	262	342	5.8	5.8	0.4
Bibb	1,442	3,054	4,496	7.8	8.3	6.8
Bleckley	85	242	327	5.0	8.2	65.1
Brantley	78	201	279	3.9	5.0	27.3
Brooks	52	88	140	2.6	2.2	-16.2
Bryan	35	275	310	4.1	3.1	-24.9
Bulloch	240	331	571	5.2	3.8	-27.1
Burke	74	77	151	0.2	1.5	897.4
Butts	49	163	212	5.2	3.5	-33.1
Calhoun	80	104	184	3.6	8.6	140.6
Camden	221	922	1,143	7.7	7.4	-2.9
Candler	9	9	18	*	0.5	*
Carroll	326	801	1,127	7.2	3.9	-46.7
Catoosa	41	157	198	2.5	1.1	-56.9
Charlton	50	80	130	2.8	3.6	27.7
Chatham	2,176	4,191	6,367	8.0	8.6	-5.0
Chattahoochee	40	113	153	1.5	2.7	79.8
Chattooga	2	3	5	1.8	0.1	-96.5
Cherokee	222	1,452	1,674	5.1	3.9	-24.0
Clarke	1,158	2,373	3,531	11.8	15.1	27.5
Clay	13	20	33	1.5	2.4	61.5
Clayton	2,248	3,307	5,555	9.3	7.6	-18.0
Clinch	43	105	148	2.6	5.3	102.1
Cobb	488	1,587	2,077	1.9	1.2	-38.7
Coffee	321	984	985	7.6	6.6	-12.3
Colquitt	399	776	1,175	10.3	7.6	-26.0
Columbia	311	1,038	1,350	2.3	3.8	67.3
Cook	95	289	385	9.4	4.9	-47.5
Coweta	455	1,439	1,894	5.4	6.2	14.4
Crawford	11	11	22	0.4	0.5	28.4
Crisp	337	482	819	8.3	9.8	17.4
Dade	31	189	190	1.6	3.6	122.3
Dawson	31	114	145	1.9	2.7	41.8
Decatur	221	337	558	6.2	4.9	-20.7
DeKalb	948	1,986	2,944	5.8	1.6	-68.9
Dodge	99	178	288	4.7	4.2	-10.8
Dooly	33	141	174	1.9	4.0	113.3
Dougherty	437	727	1,164	3.0	3.1	3.3
Douglas	800	3,575	4,375	11.1	13.5	21.3
Early	15	69	84	1.3	1.7	31.9
Echols	4	28	32	2.4	2.9	21.2
Effingham	97	233	330	2.5	2.1	-17.4
Elbert	97	362	459	5.8	9.9	70.3
Emanuel	76	119	195	2.5	2.2	-12.0

County	1997-99 Number Part I	Part II	Total	Ratio 1994-96	Ratio 1997-99	Percent Change
Evans	4	8	12	2.5	0.3	-88.0
Fannin	24	48	72	0.6	1.2	101.7
Fayette	428	1,779	2,207	6.1	6.5	5.5
Floyd	351	986	850	3.8	3.2	-14.9
Forsyth	120	322	442	1.7	1.6	-8.5
Franklin	63	103	166	2.9	2.8	-3.6
Fulton	7,953	17,881	24,554	11.6	11.0	-5.2
Gilmer	23	100	123	1.1	3.1	183.8
Glascock	6	80	86	2.1	10.9	421.3
Glynn	467	614	1,101	12.2	5.0	-59.0
Gordon	383	937	1,240	7.5	8.3	10.5
Grady	192	317	509	5.5	6.1	10.5
Greene	99	169	248	3.7	4.3	15.6
Gwinnett	1,229	2,183	3,412	2.4	2.0	-16.3
Habersham	82	281	343	4.9	3.5	-29.6
Hall	472	771	1,243	4.6	3.2	-31.8
Hancock	4	6	10	0.8	0.3	-68.5
Haralson	99	217	286	3.4	3.5	1.3
Harris	52	336	388	4.3	5.0	16.8
Hart	16	225	241	2.4	3.2	31.9
Heard	11	35	46	*	1.2	*
Henry	338	1,598	1,936	2.8	5.3	88.9
Houston	1,941	5,910	7,851	27.8	21.1	-24.2
Irwin	13	12	25	2.4	0.8	-68.5
Jackson	171	630	801	4.9	6.0	20.9
Jasper	4	40	44	1.5	1.2	-18.0
Jeff Davis	89	246	335	6.3	6.4	2.2
Jefferson	16	14	30	0.7	0.4	-42.3
Jenkins	13	18	31	2.5	0.9	-62.2
Johnson	51	100	151	*	4.6	*
Jones	31	155	186	2.7	2.3	-16.2
Lamar	14	120	134	5.2	2.5	-50.8
Lanier	6	5	11	3.8	0.4	-89.4
Laurens	143	1,199	1,342	8.9	8.2	-8.4
Lee	143	518	661	5.0	6.6	17.1
Liberty	180	746	926	7.4	5.0	-32.1
Lincoln	5	19	25	0.3	0.8	166.6
Long	10	11	21	1.8	0.7	-60.2
Lowndes	455	897	1,352	4.0	4.5	13.3
Lumpkin	84	427	511	8.1	8.7	7.7
Macon	9	19	28	2.1	0.5	-77.1
Madison	25	111	136	0.4	1.6	343.4
Marion	97	21	118	4.1	4.8	16.7
McDuffie	9	49	58	0.3	0.7	118.5
McIntosh	14	17	31	1.6	0.8	-47.3
Meriwether	99	241	440	5.7	4.9	-14.4
Miller	20	66	86	2.2	3.5	60.2
Mitchell	74	261	335	3.4	3.6	5.3
Monroe	72	340	412	6.0	5.0	-2.9
Montgomery	0	3	3	*	*	*
Morgan	14	50	64	0.4	1.2	196.4
Murray	82	382	464	3.8	3.8	1.4
Muscogee	2,290	4,991	7,300	14.7	12.1	-17.4

County	1997-99 Number Part I	Part II	Total	Ratio 1994-96	Ratio 1997-99	Percent Change
Newton	183	139	322	1.7	1.6	-16.1
Oconee	81	326	407	4.1	4.8	16.8
Oglethorpe	0	0	0	*	*	*
Paulding	237	714	951	6.5	3.7	-43.4
Peach	61	89	150	3.5	1.5	-57.3
Pickens	31	112	143	0.6	2.2	291.3
Pierce	39	96	135	3.2	2.1	-33.6
Pike	35	137	172	3.3	3.8	14.9
Polk	179	970	1,149	9.5	8.9	-6.1
Pulaski	54	72	126	11.6	4.1	-64.1
Putnam	47	154	201	6.5	3.5	-594.3
Quitman	4	3	7	1.5	0.9	-37.7
Rabun	14	26	40	0.5	1.0	88.4
Randolph	13	31	44	2.7	1.3	-51.5
Richmond	1,731	6,027	7,758	11.4	12.8	9.2
Rockdale	331	670	1,001	3.2	4.1	28.6
Schley	54	114	168	6.5	11.2	71.2
Screven	70	127	197	3.4	3.5	0.3
Seminole	29	81	110	2.7	3.0	12.9
Spalding	567	2,169	2,736	10.0	12.9	29.4
Stephens	36	69	105	1.9	1.3	-28.3
Stewart	75	235	310	10.0	16.1	60.3
Sumter	354	937	1,291	3.8	10.5	173.5
Talbot	2	3	5	0.4	0.2	-61.6
Taliaferro	0	0	0	*	*	*
Tattnall	80	251	331	4.3	5.3	22.5
Taylor	13	21	34	1.9	1.1	-42.5
Telfair	61	137	198	3.8	4.6	21.5
Terrell	25	42	67	2.4	1.5	-37.6
Thomas	500	1,098	1,598	6.5	9.9	51.7
Tift	291	585	876	8.0	6.1	-24.2
Toombs	235	466	701	7.8	6.9	-11.9
Towns	2	1	3	*	*	*
Treutlen	25	130	155	4.7	6.7	43.3
Troup	233	783	1,016	3.8	4.7	23.2
Turner	58	202	260	6.5	6.7	3.1
Twiggs	21	74	95	0.9	2.4	159.1
Union	62	165	227	6.0	4.9	-19.3
Upson	222	1,284	1,506	15.4	17.9	16.0
Walker	174	815	989	2.8	4.5	60.6
Walton	94	329	383	0.4	1.9	433.3
Ware	588	1,182	1,770	14.2	13.4	-5.9
Warren	24	80	104	*	4.6	*
Washington	182	403	585	8.3	7.8	-6.7
Wayne	23	146	169	0.7	1.7	155.6
Webster	0	9	9	*	1.1	*
Wheeler	16	22	38	2.0	1.8	-8.6
White	57	274	331	2.8	6.2	125.0
Whitfield	388	783	1,151	4.2	4.0	-4.1
Wilcox	0	5	5	*	0.2	*
Wilkes	23	128	150	5.6	4.3	-23.0
Wilkinson	47	179	226	4.0	5.4	34.0
Worth	100	240	340	1.4	3.8	164.3
Georgia	**48,745**	**104,083**	**144,539**	**6.1**	**5.6**	**-8.3**

* Number too small to calculate a ratio.

Special Report:

Economic Development and Child Well-Being

This Special Report highlights the close association between economic development and child well-being. To be successful, efforts to promote economic development must expand to include children's issues such as health care, education, and safety. Likewise, efforts to improve child well-being must look beyond human services, for without a sound economic base their achievements will be difficult to sustain. Significant and lasting improvement requires a partnership between these two efforts.

1990's: A Tale of Two Trends

The 1990's were a period of unprecedented prosperity for many Georgians, as demonstrated by the state's progress on key economic indicators.

Improvements were also evident on many indicators of child well-being. In contrast to the economic picture, however, Georgia continued to rank near the bottom when compared to other states.

In Georgia, the decade of the 1990's was a tale of two sets of trends — both moved in a positive direction, but only the economic indicators compared favorably with the rest of the nation. On measures of child well-being, Georgia failed to gain ground in national rankings and continued to trail behind all but a handful of states.

This mixed picture accounts for Georgia's mediocre standing in the *2000 Development Report Card* for the States. The 14th annual *Development Report Card* prepared by the non-profit Corporation for Enterprise Development (CFED), is the most broad-based rating of economies of the 50 states with more than 70 indicators taken into account.

In the three main indices assessed in the *Development Report Card*, Georgia scored a "C" in "Performance", a "B" in "Business Vitality", and a "C" in "Development Capacity".

On the positive side of the ledger, Georgia showed strong signs of innovation and economic growth. Georgia highways are second best in the country and the high ranking for charitable giving points to the vital role played by the philanthropic community in the state.

Selected Economic Indicators, Georgia

Indicator	1990	1999	1999 Rank
Per Capita Income (constant 1996 dollars)	$20,715	$26,007	23
Unemployment Rate	5.5%	4%	27
Average Annual Pay	$22,115	$32,339	16
Gross State Product (1996 dollars)	$165 billion	$222 billion	13

2000 Development Report Card for Georgia

	Rank		Rank
Initial Public Offerings	1	Rural/Urban Disparity	49
University Spin-outs	2	High School Graduation	49
Highway Deficiency	2	Infant Mortality	45
Charitable Giving	3	Voting Rate	45
Average Annual Pay Growth	3	Ph.D. Scientists & Engineers	43
Net Migration	4	Teen Pregnancy	42
Long-term Employment Growth	6	Crime Rate	42

Selected Indicators of Child Well-Being, Georgia

Indicator	Then	Now	Current Rank
Children in Poverty	25% (1993)	23% (1997)	37
Infant Mortality	12.4 per 1000 (1990)	8.2 per 1000 (1999)	39
Births to Teens	50.1 per 1000 (1990)	39.5 per 1000 (1999)	42
High School Completions	68% (1998)	71% (2000)	49

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The indicators with the worst rankings are concentrated in the areas of human and social capital — people and their communities. Economic development is not widely shared across Georgia, as demonstrated by the rank of 49th in rural/urban disparity. Indeed, the least developed areas of the state also have the highest infant mortality rates and lowest high school graduation rates.

Location, Location, Location

Geography, wealth, income and ethnicity still play a significant role in determining the opportunities and life chances of Georgians. This is especially true for children.

Where one is born and lives, how many years of formal education one's parents completed, what type of employment and earnings they have, the amount of household income, and the racial and ethnic background of the family — all these factors make certain outcomes more or less probable than others. A child who lives in a county without a nearby hospital who requires emergency medical attention is at risk; a student in a school with limited resources is at a disadvantage educationally; a child growing up in poverty or economic uncertainty faces many potential hardships from inadequate housing, food, and transportation which can limit their growth and development.

The link between economic resources and opportunities and child well-being is evident in the strong association found between Georgia's 4-Tier economic development classification and selected indicators from the *2000-2001 KIDS COUNT Factbook*. For each indicator reported below, there is a direct relationship between which tier a county is designated and outcomes for children.

4-Tier Classification of Georgia Counties

The Department of Community Affairs annually classifies Georgia's 159 counties into one of 4 tiers. The factors used to rank the counties are unemployment, per capita income, and population living in poverty. The bottom 71 counties (least developed) in the state are designated Tier 1, the next 35 are designated Tier 2, the next 35 are designated Tier 3, and the top 18 (most developed) are designated Tier 4. This designation guides a growing array of economic development policies, from tax credits to grant and investment opportunities.

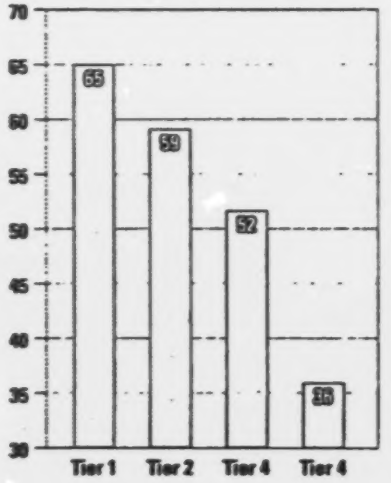
4-Tier Economic Development Classification of Georgia Counties, 2001

Families Starting at Risk of Poverty

The three risk factors are mother unmarried, not a high school graduate, and under age 20. In the least developed counties (Tier 1), 65% of new families had one or more of these risk factors in 1997-1999. By comparison, the most developed counties (Tier 4) only had 36% of their families starting at risk.

Map: Families Starting at Risk of Poverty, 1997-1999

Percentage of Families Starting at Risk of Poverty, 1997-1999



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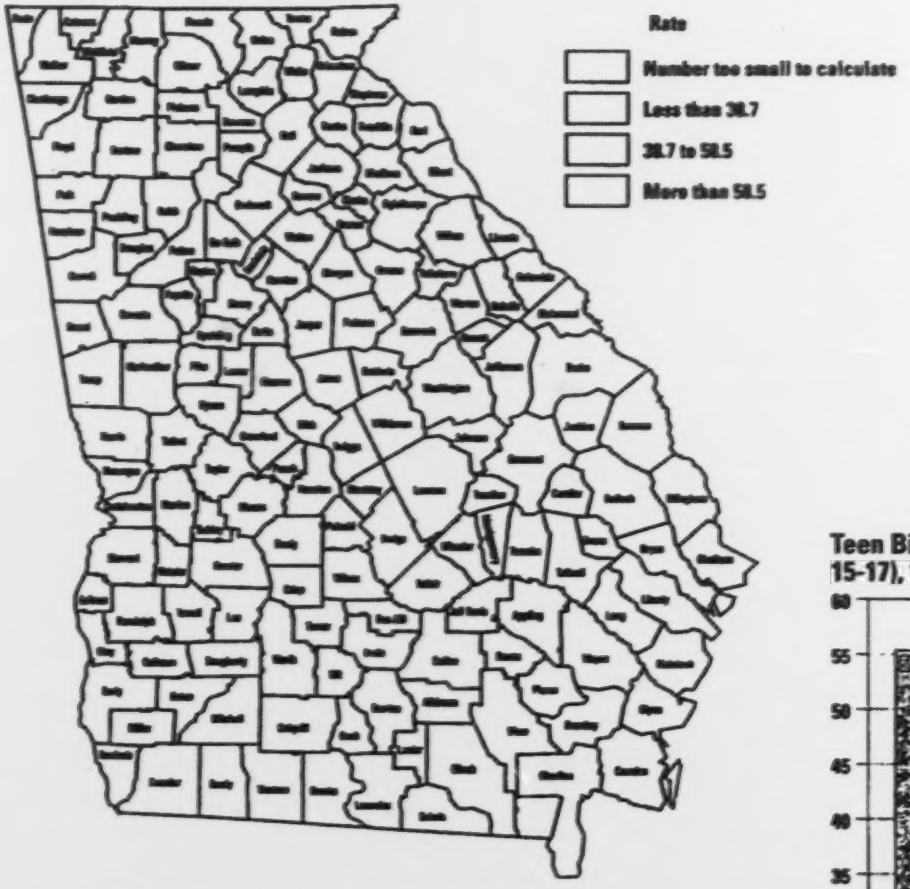
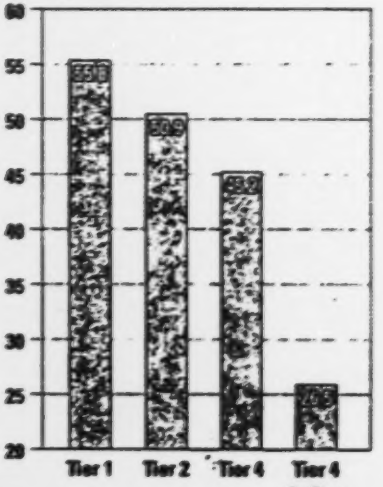
Births to Teens

The birth rate for females ages 15-17 in the least developed counties (Tier 1) was 55.8 per 1000 in 1997-1999. In the most developed counties (Tier 4) the teen birth rate was 26.5 per 1000. Teens who give birth are more likely to come from economically disadvantaged families and communities and their children face diminished economic prospects as well.

Map: Births to Teens (ages 15-17), 1997-1999



Teen Birth Rate, per 1000 (ages 15-17), 1997-1999

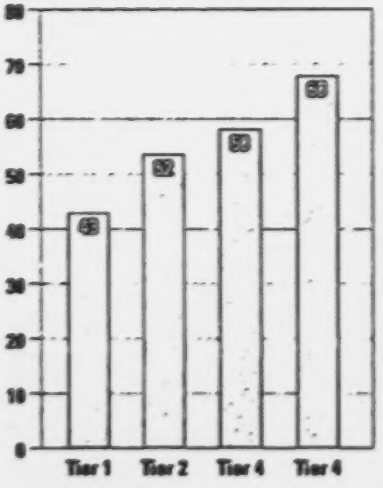


High School Graduates Eligible for HOPE Scholarship

Eligibility for a HOPE scholarship offers high school graduates with at least a "B" average the opportunity to further their education at a Georgia college, university, or technical institute at virtually no cost. Among the most developed counties (Tier 4), 68% of graduates were eligible for a HOPE scholarship in 2000. By comparison, only 43% of graduates were eligible in the least developed counties (Tier 1).

Map: High School Graduates Eligible for HOPE Scholarship, 2000

Percentage of Graduates Eligible for HOPE Scholarship, 2000



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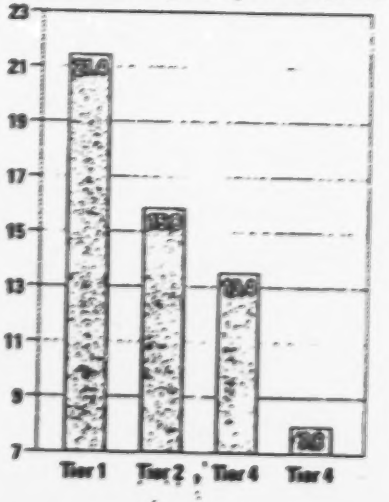
Child Abuse and Neglect

The rate of substantiated incidents of child abuse and neglect was nearly three times greater in the least developed counties (Tier 1) than in the most developed (Tier 4) — 21.4 per 1000 compared to 7.8 per 1000 in 1999. Children are at increased risk for maltreatment if their parents are overwhelmed by such problems as inadequate income, unemployment, poor housing, social isolation, or emotional stress.

Map: Substantiated Incidents of Child Abuse and Neglect, 1999

Substantiated Incidents of Child Abuse and Neglect, per 1000, 1999



New Alliances

While history shapes the hand a state is dealt, public policy determines how that hand is played.

This is even truer for Georgia's counties and regions. An area that historically relied on a single crop, natural resource or industry, now faces new challenges. A region whose biggest selling point in the past was the existence of cheap labor, now faces new challenges. Counties that previously focused their efforts on building roads and industrial parks, now face new challenges.

Efforts to improve the economic health of a community will not be successful if the focus is only on the physical infrastructure — building housing, industrial parks, roads, sewers. To be effective, it is necessary to take a long-term, holistic view of economic development and broaden the scope to include child care, education, health care, safety, and youth development. A more comprehensive approach to economic development pays attention to human and social capital, as well as the physical environment.

Similarly, efforts to improve child well-being will not succeed when economic opportunity and social cohesion are ignored. Service system and education reform initiatives must build an infrastructure of resources in communities aimed at enhancing the development of children and the functioning of families within the context of their neighborhoods, as well as responding to problems as they develop. To be effective over the long haul, education and human service reform initiatives must expand to include connecting community and economic development with family support services at the neighborhood level.

Investments in children need to be combined with investments in communities. Success must be measured not only by economic performance, but also by improvements in child well-being. Alliances that have as their goal strong families and strong communities, can insure that all parties come to the table to collectively develop and implement strategies that reflect the unique needs and resources of the locality.

Developing a strong economy is not an end in itself; it is the means to advance larger goals — high living standards, better quality of life, stronger communities, new opportunities — for residents of all income, racial, and ethnic groups across Georgia.

Applachian Regional Commission Early Childhood Initiative

Strong, stable and economically sufficient families are integral to assuring optimal physical, educational, and social development for children. With multi-year funding from the Appalachian Regional Commission, five Family Connection communities (Elbert, Fannin, Franklin, Haralson and Polk Counties) are implementing local initiatives for supporting families of young children. Each community is combining existing human service programs with existing economic development programs to create a synergistic thrust to improve short-term and long-term outcomes for children. State level work is focusing on building partnerships with agencies having an interest in and an impact on early childhood and economic development.

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Appendices

			1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
FAMILY & COMMUNITY													
Child Population													
	TOTAL	**Number of children < 18**	1,727,383	1,761,659	1,794,263	1,832,787	1,862,679	1,898,291	1,932,895	1,967,269	2,006,495	2,044,589	
		Total Population	6,478,216	6,621,888	6,761,158	6,886,173	7,048,909	7,192,305	7,334,274	7,488,242	7,642,297	7,788,248	
		Percent children	26.7	26.6	26.5	26.6	26.4	26.4	26.4	26.3	26.3	26.3	
	WHITE	**Number of children < 18**	1,193,734	1,134,486	1,158,554	1,198,472	1,183,744	1,203,872	1,224,145	1,243,902	1,268,187	1,289,566	
		Total Population	4,888,148	4,716,089	4,756,225	4,870,386	4,958,918	5,038,543	5,119,230	5,205,515	5,293,152	5,373,089	
		Percent children	24.1	24.1	24.0	24.0	23.9	23.9	23.9	23.9	24.0	24.0	
	BLACK	**Number of children < 18**	570,423	588,357	613,461	630,884	643,854	655,598	668,635	681,488	692,112	704,455	
		Total Population	1,748,585	1,887,748	1,858,348	1,918,449	1,968,581	2,016,884	2,068,585	2,126,126	2,181,454	2,235,887	
		Percent children	33.1	33.2	33.0	33.0	32.7	32.5	32.3	32.1	31.7	31.5	
Public School Enrollment													
	TOTAL	**Number**										1,370,555	1,391,579
	WHITE	**Number**										517,748	761,506
	BLACK	**Number**										763,591	527,179
	HISPANIC	**Number**										45,782	54,578
	ASIAN	**Number**										27,335	28,638
	OTHER	**Number**										15,707	19,298
Families Starting at Risk of Poverty													
	TOTAL	**Number***		22,482	22,203	23,132	23,849	24,508	24,427	24,893	25,287	25,889	
		Number of first births		45,549	45,411	45,137	47,247	48,585	48,782	50,252	49,524	50,783	
		Rate (per 100)		49.4	48.9	50.1	50.5	50.0	50.1	49.6	50.7	50.8	
	WHITE	**Number***		10,953	10,688	11,151	11,419	11,892	12,121	12,290	12,804	13,427	
		Number of first births		29,563	29,764	29,993	30,601	31,811	31,914	32,853	32,850	33,663	
		Rate (per 100)		36.5	35.9	37.2	37.3	37.4	38.0	37.4	39.0	39.9	
	BLACK	**Number***		11,347	11,285	11,713	12,128	12,235	11,953	12,288	12,184	12,014	
		Number of first births		14,795	14,788	15,205	15,543	15,633	15,504	15,938	15,704	15,594	
		Rate (per 100)		76.7	76.4	77.0	78.0	77.3	77.1	77.1	77.5	77.0	

* Number of first births with at least one risk factor (unmarried, less than high school education, and less than 20 years old).

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING													
Children in Poverty and Median Household Income													
	Ages 0-17	**Number**				488,129		470,855		478,448			
		Percent				25.2		23.5		22.8			
	Ages 5-17	**Number**				302,205		308,614		311,355			
		Percent				23.0		22.1		21.8			
	Median Income					$31,148		$33,823		$36,372			
Students Eligible to Receive Free or Reduced Price School Lunch													
		Free	315,741	325,775	370,903	405,875	420,853	464,695	488,748	498,568	505,188	508,259	503,753
		Reduced	68,516	76,725	67,588	68,588	68,815	72,873	79,945	83,614	88,827	88,273	107,252
		Total	384,257	402,507	446,543	475,255	509,268	537,568	568,693	574,574	594,215	607,532	611,015
		Enrollment	1,126,252	1,147,854	1,171,588	1,208,684	1,236,304	1,270,948	1,311,126	1,348,761	1,375,888	1,401,291	1,422,941
		Rate (per 100)	34.1	35.1	38.1	39.6	41.2	42.3	43.4	42.7	43.2	43.4	42.9
Children Receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)													
		Number Families										85,188	
		Number Children										115,757	
		Child Population										2,044,589	
		Percent of Children on TANF										5.7	
Children Receiving Food Stamps													
		Children Receiving Food Stamps										292,831	
		Child Population										2,006,486	
		Rate (per 100)										14.6	
HEALTH													
Low Birthweight Babies													
	TOTAL	**Number of low birthweight babies**	9,788	9,481	9,582	9,863	9,576	9,835	9,736	10,393	10,681	11,048	
		Number of births	112,573	110,271	111,895	110,489	110,985	112,242	113,982	110,167	122,383	126,491	
		Rate (per 100)	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.6	8.8	8.5	8.9	8.5	8.7	
	WHITE	**Number of low birthweight babies**	4,355	4,199	4,184	4,306	4,486	4,631	4,858	4,980	5,014	5,436	
		Number of births	70,486	68,242	68,728	68,988	69,549	71,188	72,723	75,537	78,184	81,016	
		Rate (per 100)	8.2	8.1	8.9	8.3	8.3	8.5	8.4	8.6	8.4	8.7	
	BLACK	**Number of low birthweight babies**	5,291	5,171	5,268	5,285	5,014	5,081	4,888	5,184	5,248	5,378	
		Number of births	40,457	40,248	40,332	39,758	39,883	38,148	38,276	38,723	41,274	42,198	
		Rate (per 100)	13.1	12.8	13.1	13.1	12.9	13.1	12.7	13.8	12.7	12.7	

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			1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
HEALTH (cont.)													
Infant Mortality													
	TOTAL	Number of deaths	1,301	1,252	1,139	1,149	1,133	1,007	1,001	1,021	1,035	1,035	
		Number of Births	112,573	110,271	111,095	110,489	110,595	112,242	113,982	118,167	122,363	126,491	
		Rate (per 1,000)	12.4	11.4	10.3	10.4	10.2	9.5	9.3	8.6	8.5	8.2	
	WHITE	Number of deaths	833	806	690	695	692	670	655	667	673	634	
		Number of Births	70,498	69,242	69,736	69,559	69,549	71,188	72,723	75,537	78,164	81,016	
		Rate (per 1,000)	9.8	7.4	7.1	7.2	7.1	6.6	6.3	6.2	6.1	5.4	
	BLACK	Number of deaths	744	737	637	648	627	585	579	546	557	587	
		Number of Births	40,467	40,248	40,332	39,750	39,883	39,148	39,276	39,723	41,274	42,196	
		Rate (per 1,000)	18.4	18.3	15.8	16.3	16.1	15.3	15.1	13.7	13.5	13.9	
Prenatal Care													
	TOTAL	Number of births to mothers with no prenatal care		2,491	2,210	1,691	1,387	1,137	1,112	1,133	931	924	
		Number of births		110,231	111,047	110,489	110,525	112,209	113,949	118,167	122,363	126,491	
		Rate (per 100)		2.3	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.7	
	WHITE	Number of births to mothers with no prenatal care		778	681	569	488	377	372	427	349	373	
		Number of births		69,213	69,710	69,555	69,502	71,158	72,701	75,537	78,164	81,016	
		Rate (per 100)		1.1	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	
	BLACK	Number of births to mothers with no prenatal care		1,689	1,505	1,157	881	748	721	698	563	535	
		Number of births		40,240	40,322	39,784	39,952	39,131	39,262	39,723	41,274	42,196	
		Rate (per 100)		4.2	3.7	2.9	2.3	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.4	1.3	
Births to Teens													
	TOTAL	Number of births to teens 15-17	6,869	6,833	6,637	6,852	7,094	7,236	7,108	7,071	6,589	6,218	
		Female population 15-17	136,589	132,608	132,138	133,774	136,844	141,224	146,312	150,786	155,199	157,473	
		Rate (per 1,000)	50.1	51.5	50.2	51.2	51.8	51.2	48.6	46.9	42.3	39.5	
	WHITE	Number of births to teens 15-17	2,582	2,915	2,821	2,927	2,995	3,226	3,262	3,145	3,121	3,084	
		Female population 15-17	88,841	85,238	84,238	84,734	85,939	88,884	90,782	93,268	95,841	97,381	
		Rate (per 1,000)	33.6	34.2	33.5	34.5	34.9	37.8	35.9	33.7	32.8	31.7	
	BLACK	Number of births to teens 15-17	3,869	3,886	3,789	3,890	4,049	3,956	3,793	3,869	3,392	3,080	
		Female population 15-17	45,244	45,275	45,697	46,710	48,472	50,579	52,784	54,572	56,628	58,556	
		Rate (per 1,000)	85.5	85.9	82.9	83.3	83.5	78.2	71.9	70.9	60.5	54.8	
Repeat Births to Teens													
	TOTAL	Number of repeat births to teens 15-17						989	994	950	806	708	
		Number of births to teens 15-17						7,236	7,108	7,071	6,589	6,218	
		Rate (per 100)						13.5	13.8	13.4	12.3	12.4	
	WHITE	Number of repeat births to teens 15-17						302	307	291	294	294	
		Number of births to teens 15-17						3,226	3,262	3,145	3,121	3,084	
		Rate (per 100)						9.1	9.4	9.3	9.1	9.5	
	BLACK	Number of repeat births to teens 15-17						681	648	648	517	471	
		Number of births to teens 15-17						3,956	3,793	3,869	3,392	3,080	
		Rate (per 100)						17.2	17.1	16.7	15.2	15.2	
EDUCATION													
Reading and Math Scores on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS scores)													
		Reading-3th grade score				52	51	51	51	52	53	54	54
		Math-3th grade score				58	52	53	59	59	61	61	62
		Reading-5th grade score				53	53	53	53	52	53	53	53
		Math-5th grade score				53	53	55	56	57	58	59	59
		Reading-8th grade score				52	52	53	48	48	48	49	48
		Math-8th grade score				52	52	52	53	54	55	56	57
High School Completions													
		Number of Graduates									84,386	88,548	87,888
		Denominator (Number who graduated plus those who didn't complete)									95,148	94,128	98,888
		Rate (per 100)									87.7	89.6	78.7
High School Graduates Eligible for HOPE Scholarship													
		Number eligible for Hope Scholarship										48,252	38,119
		Number Graduates										88,548	87,888
		Rate (per 100)										61.5	57.5

			1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
EDUCATION (cont.)													
Births to Mothers With Less Than 12 Years of Education													
	TOTAL	**Number of births to mothers with less than 12 years of education**	28,227	28,193	27,564	26,838	25,980	25,671	26,264	27,054	27,532	28,430	
		Number of births	112,959	110,231	111,047	110,469	110,925	112,288	113,940	116,167	122,383	126,491	
		Rate (per 100)	25.1	25.6	24.8	24.3	23.4	23.1	23.1	23.9	22.5	22.5	
	WHITE	**Number of births to mothers with less than 12 years of education**	15,963	15,568	15,337	14,898	14,432	14,524	15,576	16,035	16,867	17,805	
		Number of births	70,457	68,213	68,718	68,556	68,582	71,158	72,701	75,537	78,164	81,818	
		Rate (per 100)	22.6	22.8	22.3	21.7	21.0	21.9	21.4	21.2	21.6	22.0	
	BLACK	**Number of births to mothers with less than 12 years of education**	11,988	12,388	11,860	11,532	11,172	10,493	10,234	10,621	10,280	10,180	
		Number of births	40,457	40,240	40,322	39,784	38,992	38,131	38,282	39,723	41,274	42,139	
		Rate (per 100)	29.7	30.8	29.4	29.0	28.7	27.5	26.7	26.7	24.9	24.1	
SAFETY AND SECURITY													
Child Deaths													
	TOTAL	**Number of deaths**	488	452	441	430	476	466	462	446	443	439	
		Population 1-14	1,359,439	1,396,823	1,427,865	1,460,985	1,483,414	1,507,319	1,532,815	1,557,439	1,586,427	1,617,836	
		Rate (per 100,000)	35.9	35.2	30.9	33.5	32.1	32.4	30.1	28.6	27.9	27.1	
	WHITE	**Number of deaths**	278	291	235	260	228	258	225	235	233	234	
		Population 1-14	870,828	888,835	915,795	932,512	943,359	957,511	972,111	986,955	1,002,890	1,021,242	
		Rate (per 100,000)	31.9	31.3	26.1	27.9	24.2	29.8	23.1	23.8	23.2	22.9	
	BLACK	**Number of deaths**	202	210	195	225	242	215	227	205	207	202	
		Population 1-14	456,642	475,301	487,495	501,988	511,349	519,030	526,152	536,982	544,725	555,494	
		Rate (per 100,000)	44.2	44.2	40.0	44.8	47.3	41.4	43.0	38.2	38.0	36.4	
Teen Deaths by Accident, Homicide, and Suicide													
	TOTAL	**Number of violent deaths**	371	373	353	371	371	387	453	357	335	351	
		Population 15-19	487,152	482,423	481,186	487,329	498,739	514,273	532,522	548,388	562,733	570,441	
		Rate (per 100,000)	74.6	77.3	73.4	76.1	74.4	75.3	85.1	66.1	57.8	61.5	
	WHITE	**Number of violent deaths**	262	233	210	224	219	230	283	228	222	219	
		Population 15-19	327,395	315,993	312,268	314,393	319,358	327,254	337,146	345,769	353,747	358,284	
		Rate (per 100,000)	80.1	73.8	67.2	71.2	68.5	70.3	83.9	65.9	62.8	61.1	
	BLACK	**Number of violent deaths**	106	139	141	144	151	153	163	129	109	129	
		Population 15-19	158,277	158,898	160,342	163,829	169,689	178,734	184,297	190,749	195,844	198,295	
		Rate (per 100,000)	67.0	87.6	87.9	87.9	88.8	86.8	88.4	67.6	51.1	65.1	
Child Abuse and Neglect													
	TOTAL	**Number of substantiated incidents**			25,758	27,767	28,695	26,362	24,336	22,552	24,814	27,377	
		Population ages 0 to 17			1,794,263	1,832,767	1,862,679	1,896,291	1,932,895	1,967,368	2,006,496	2,044,889	
		Rate (per 1,000)			14.3	15.2	15.4	13.9	12.6	11.7	12.3	13.4	
	WHITE	**Number of substantiated incidents**					13,121	12,059	10,805	9,450		12,588	
		Population ages 0 to 17					1,183,744	1,203,072	1,224,148	1,243,932		1,288,988	
		Rate (per 1,000)					11.1	10.0	8.9	7.6		9.7	
	BLACK	**Number of substantiated incidents**					13,449	12,051	10,530	9,648		12,985	
		Population ages 0 to 17					643,054	655,599	668,035	681,436		704,405	
		Rate (per 1,000)					20.9	18.4	16.3	14.2		18.4	
Juvenile Arrests													
	TOTAL	**Number of arrests to juveniles <18**	21,626	34,290	40,219	43,753	50,018	48,982	48,871	48,124	47,851	47,864	
		Juvenile population 10-17	747,816	755,624	768,486	785,410	797,530	812,418	830,457	847,740	867,291	887,489	
		Ratio (per 100)	2.9	4.5	5.2	5.6	6.3	6.1	5.9	5.8	5.5	5.4	
	WHITE	**Number of arrests to juveniles <18**	6,764	13,885	15,914	16,988	19,742	19,574	21,155	19,531	20,887	20,022	
		Juvenile population 10-17	481,898	486,694	492,976	500,863	508,502	515,752	525,764	534,854	545,082	554,315	
		Ratio (per 100)	1.4	2.8	3.2	3.4	3.9	3.5	4.0	3.7	3.8	3.6	
	BLACK	**Number of arrests to juveniles <18**	14,793	20,447	24,149	26,492	29,588	29,573	28,334	29,286	26,630	27,521	
		Juvenile population 10-17	249,575	257,138	263,552	270,708	275,591	281,194	288,493	295,698	303,363	312,583	
		Ratio (per 100)	5.9	8.0	9.2	9.8	10.3	10.5	9.8	9.9	8.8	8.8	

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The *Georgia KIDS COUNT Factbook 2000-2001* provides the most recent data available on indicators of child well-being. Data on number of events, rate, and change over time are presented for many of the indicators.

Number
The most direct measure of the scope of a problem is a count of the number of events of concern (e.g., the number of low birthweight infants born during a time period). The total number of events in each county for a time period is given for each indicator. For half of the indicators, the time period is 1997 through 1999 combined. Students Eligible to Receive Free or Reduced Price School Lunch, High School Completions, and High School Graduates eligible for HOPE Scholarship use data from 2000 only. Child Abuse and Neglect uses data from 1999. Child Population, Public School Enrollment, Children in Poverty and Median Household Income, TANF, Children Receiving Food Stamps, and ITBS Scores are explained under their respective headings below.

Rate or Ratio
A rate is a measure of the likelihood or probability of an event. (For instance, out of every 100 births, how many will be low birth weight?) A rate is calculated by dividing the number of events of interest by the number of persons that are "eligible" for the event. (The low birth weight rate is the number of low birth weight births over a given time period divided by the total number of births during that same period.) A rate is useful if you wish to compare the severity of the problem in one area (your county) with another area (the state) or some standard (the Year 2000 objectives). However, if you are planning an intervention and are estimating the required resources, you will need the actual numbers.

For half of the indicators rates are calculated for the time periods 1994 through 1996 combined and 1997 through 1999 combined. Rates are not calculated when the numerator is less than five, since the rate would be unstable. For Students Eligible to receive Free or Reduced Price School Lunch, High School Completions and High School Graduates eligible for HOPE Scholarship, rates are calculated for 1999 and for 2000. For Child Abuse and Neglect, rates are calculated for 1998 and 1999. The Juvenile Arrests indicator uses a ratio instead of a rate because the numerator is counted by county of arrest, not by county of residence. The denominator is the total number of juveniles residing in that county. Data are not available regarding how many youths are "eligible" to be arrested in a specific county, nor is information available regarding the county of residence for arrested youth. Child Population, Public School Enrollment, Children in Poverty and Median Household Income, TANF, Children Receiving Food Stamps, and ITBS Scores are explained under their respective headings below.

Percent Change
The percent change for half of the indicators is calculated as 100 times the rate for 1997-99 minus the rate for 1994-96, all divided by the 1994-96 rate. Thus this measure refers to the percent change relative to the 1994-96 rate. The percent change between the two time periods is shown for each county in Georgia when rates are available to calculate it. The percent change was calculated before the rates were rounded.

The significance of the change from one period to another is dependent on the number of events, the population "at risk", and the magnitude of the difference. Changes should be interpreted with caution since some year to year variation may be due solely to chance and may not represent a real difference in the underlying effects. Students Eligible to receive Free or Reduced Price School Lunch, High School Completions and High School Graduates Eligible for HOPE Scholarship, use percent change between 1999 and 2000. Child Abuse and Neglect uses percent change between 1998 and 1999. Percent Change is not shown for Child Population, Public School Enrollment, Children in Poverty and Median Household Income, TANF, Children Receiving Food Stamps, and ITBS Scores.

Populations
1990 populations were obtained from the 1990 decennial Census. Population estimates in 5 year age groups, by county were obtained from the yearly census estimates for other years. We used proportions derived from the 1990 decennial Census to produce the required age-specific population subsets for the annual estimates. For example - for less than 18, we took the proportion of 15-19 year olds who were 15-17 in the 1990 census for each county and multiplied that times the number of 15-19 year olds in the yearly estimates. We added the number of 0-4, 5-9, and 10-14 year olds from the yearly estimates to that number. This was done separately for each of the race groups. This method was used to produce the child population table. This method was also used to get Total, White, and Black age-group populations used for population denominators in rate calculations.

Vital Records Data
All birth and death certificate data were provided by the Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Public Health, Center for Health Information, Vital Records Unit.

FAMILY & COMMUNITY

Georgia population data are from the U.S. Census Bureau website, "Resident Population and Apportionment of the US House of Representatives. The website address is http://www.census.gov/population/www/censusdata.

Child Population

Child population less than age 18 and total population for 1990 and 1999 were determined as discussed under "Populations" above. The "percent children" was calculated as 100 times the child population divided by the total population.

Public School Enrollment

The number of students enrolled in Public school for kindergarten through twelfth grade for school year 1999-00 was obtained from the Georgia Department of Education. The race/ethnic groups are Asian, Black, Hispanic, White, and Other. "Other" are American Indian or Multi-racial. A student is classified as Hispanic if they are of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. Hispanic students are not counted in another race category. The percent of students in each of the race categories was calculated as 100 times the number of students in the race category divided by the total number of students.

Families Starting at Risk of Poverty

Data on first births to mothers with one or more risk factors were compiled from the birth certificate records. The three risk factors considered were age (less than 20 years old), education (not a high school graduate), and marital status (unmarried). The numerators for "at least one" risk factor were the sums of all first births to women who had at least one of the risk factors. The denominators were all first births to Georgia residents. The rates were calculated by multiplying 100 times the sums of first births with at least one risk factor, divided by all first births. The numerators for "all three" risk factors were all first births to mothers who had all three of the risk factors. The rates were calculated as 100 times the number of first births to mothers with all three risk factors, divided by all first births.

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Data for the Federal Poverty Level can be found on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website, "The 2001 HHS Poverty Guidelines". The website address is: http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/poverty/01poverty.htm

Children in Poverty and Median Household Income

Median household income and estimates for number of related children under age 18 and age 5-17 in families below the poverty level were obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau's Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates program. They refer to income year 1997. Estimates are based on modeled relationships between current income and poverty levels and income tax and program data available for counties and states. They are not direct counts or direct estimates from sample surveys. The state rank for children in poverty is from the *2001 KIDS COUNT Data Book*, Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Students Eligible to Receive Free or Reduced Price School Lunch

Data on students eligible for free or reduced price school lunch were obtained from the Georgia Department of Education. The numerators are the total number of students eligible under federal guidelines to receive free or reduced price school lunch for the 1998-99 and 1999-00 school years as reported to the Department of Education in October 1998 and October 1999. The denominators are the total school enrollment as reported by the October 1998 FTE count and the October 1999 FTE count. The percent of students eligible for the school lunch program was calculated as 100 times the number of students eligible for free or reduced price school lunch divided by the number enrolled in school that year

Children Receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

Data on Children Receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families was obtained from the Georgia Division of Family & Children Services, 1999 Descriptive Databook. Table: "Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, State Fiscal Year 1999" (pp. 2-5). Child Population was obtained as discussed under "Populations". Percent of Children on TANF was calculated as 100 times the number of children on TANF divided by the child population.

Children Receiving Food Stamps

Data on Children Receiving Food Stamps was obtained from the Georgia Division of Family & Children Services, Website. Table: "Food Stamp Recipients by Age: Fiscal year 1998". Address: http://www.div.dhr.state.ga.us//dfcs_et/menusearch.asp. Child Population was obtained as discussed under "Populations". Percent of Children Receiving Food Stamps was calculated as 100 times the number of children receiving food stamps divided by the child population.

HEALTH

Low Birthweight Babies

Data were compiled from the birth certificate records. The total number of infants born weighing less than 5.5 pounds (2,500 grams) to mothers whose state of residency was Georgia are included (including residents of military bases). The total number of live births was used as the denominator. The rate was calculated as 100 times the number of low birthweight infants divided by the total number of births. The state rank for low birthweight babies is from the *2001 KIDS COUNT Data Book*, Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Infant Mortality
Data were compiled from the birth and death certificate records. The total number of deaths of infants residing in Georgia (regardless of where the death occurred) and less than one year of age was used as the numerator for the rate calculations. The total number of live births was used for the denominator. The rates were calculated as 1,000 times the number of infant deaths divided by the number of live births. The state rank for infant mortality is from the *2001 KIDS COUNT Data Book*, Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Prenatal Care
Data on Births to Mothers Who did not Receive Prenatal Care were compiled from the birth certificate records. The number of births to Georgia residents who did not receive prenatal care was used as the numerator. The denominator is all births to Georgia residents. Rates were calculated as 100 times the number of births to mothers who did not receive prenatal care divided by all births.

Births to Teens and Repeat Births to Teens
Data were compiled from the birth certificate records. The number of births to Georgia teen residents ages 15 to 17 at the time of the birth was used as the numerator. The denominator is the female population ages 15 to 17. Rates were calculated as 1,000 times the number of births to teens divided by the population. The number of repeat births are the number of babies born to mothers ages 15 through 17 who have already given birth to a child who is still living. Rates were calculated as 100 times the number of repeat births to mother ages 15 through 17 divided by all births to teens ages 15 through 17. Since the "all births" rates and the "repeat births" rates use different denominators, it is important not to compare these rates directly. The state rank for births to teens is from the *2001 KIDS COUNT Data Book*, Annie E. Casey Foundation.

EDUCATION

Reading and Math Scores on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills
Data for the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) were obtained from the Georgia Department of Education. Every student in grades three, five, and eight in Georgia's public education system is required to participate in this testing program. The data are percentile scores of students on the Reading Comprehension and Mathematics subtests. Percentile scores refer to the percent of students in the reference group with scores below the average student in that county or in the state. The reference group is a national sample of students for the 1991-92 school year. No number or rate is displayed because this indicator refers to a score, not a number. No percent change is displayed because only one year of data is provided. A weighted average, using the number of students taking the test as the weight, was utilized to combine city and county school systems for those counties which have an independent city school system.

High School Completions
Data on high school completions were obtained from the Georgia Department of Education. The high school completion rate is the percentage of students who entered ninth grade in a given year and were in the graduating class four years later. The completion rate for the 1999-00 school year is the percent of student enrollment in grade 9 in the 1996-97 school year who were in the graduating class of 2000. The completion rate is calculated as 100 times the number of graduates in the class of 2000 divided by the sum of the dropouts over the 4 year period and the number of graduates. The dropouts over the 4 year period are the sum of 9th-grade dropouts in 1996-97,the 10th-grade dropouts in 1997-98,the 11th-grade dropouts in 1998-99 and the 12th-grade dropouts in 1999-2000. Students are reported as dropouts if they leave school for one of the following reasons: Marriage, Expelled, Financial Hardship/Job, Incarcerated/Under Jurisdiction of Juvenile or Criminal Justice Authority, Low Grades/School Failure, Military, Adult Education/Postsecondary, Pregnant/Parent, Removed for Lack of Attendance, Serious Illness/Accident and Unknown. The 1999 rate used graduates in the class of 1999 and 9th-grade dropouts in 1995-96,the 10th-grade dropouts in 1996-97,the 11th-grade dropouts in 1997-98 and the 12th-grade dropouts in 1998-99. Percent change was calculated between 1999 and 2000. All city school systems were added to the numerator and denominator of the county in which they are located. The state rank for high school completions is from the 2000 Development Report Card of the States, Corporation for Enterprise Development.

High School Graduates Eligible for HOPE Scholarship
Data on Students Eligible for HOPE Scholarships were obtained from the Georgia Department of Education. The numerator is the number of students graduating high school eligible for the HOPE scholarship (B average or better) in the spring of 2000. The denominator is all students graduating from high school in the spring of 2000. The rates for 1999 and 2000 are calculated as 100 times the number eligible divided by all graduates. Percent change was calculated between 1999 and 2000.

Babies Born to Mothers With Less Than 12 Years of Education
Data were compiled from the birth certificate records. The number of births to Georgia residents who were not high school graduates was used as the numerator. The denominator is all births to Georgia residents. Rates were calculated as 100 times the number of births to mothers who were not high school graduates divided by all births.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Child Deaths
Data were compiled from the death certificate records. The total number of deaths from all causes for children ages one to 14 years were used as numerators for the rate calculations. The denominators were the child population ages one to 14. Rates were calculated as 100,000 times the number of deaths divided by the population. The state rank for child deaths is from the *2001 KIDS COUNT Data Book*, Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Teen Deaths by Accident, Homicide, and Suicide
Data were compiled from the death certificate records. The numerator is the number of deaths by accident, homicide, and suicide to Georgia teen residents ages 15 through 19. These deaths (through 1998) were identified from the computer-generated "short codes" (clusters of the International Classification of Diseases [ICD-9] codes), and include all deaths with codes 50 to 62 inclusive. The ICD-10 codes were used to code cause of death on Georgia death certificates in 1999. "Short codes" based on the ICD-10 classification were defined by the KIDS COUNT staff at the Rollins School of Public Health. Accidents include motor vehicle accidents and all other accidental deaths (i.e. deaths due to falls, fire, poisoning, etc.). The denominator was teen population ages 15 through 19. Rates were calculated as 100,000 times the number of deaths divided by the population. The state rank for teen deaths is from the *2001 KIDS COUNT Data Book*, Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Child Abuse and Neglect
Data were compiled from substantiated incident reports of child abuse produced by the Division of Family and Children Services, Georgia Department of Human Resources. If there is substantial credible evidence that abuse or neglect has occurred, a report is determined to be substantiated. An incident count represents the number of maltreatment events that occurred. One child can have more than one incident. For example, a child who was physically and emotionally abused represents two incidents of abuse. The rate was calculated as 1,000 times the total number of incidents only divided by the population under age 18.

Juvenile Arrests
Data on juvenile arrests were compiled by the Uniform Crime Reports Unit, Georgia Crime Information Center, Georgia Bureau of Investigation. The data are compiled from summary reports submitted by local law enforcement agencies. The total number of arrests is the sum of the number of arrests for Part I and Part II offenses. The numerator of each ratio is the total number of arrests among juveniles ages 10 through 17. The denominators are the resident population ages 10 through 17. Since arrest data can represent an incident involving a non-resident, this indicator is expressed as a ratio of arrests to the population (see "Rate or Ratio" above for further explanation). A juvenile can also be arrested more than once. The ratio is the number of arrests per 100 youths ages 10 through 17. Part I Crimes include Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter, Manslaughter by Negligence, Forcible Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary-Breaking or Entering, Larceny-Theft (Except Motor Vehicle Theft), Motor Vehicle Theft, Arson. Part II Crimes include anything else: Assaults, Forgery and Counterfeiting, Fraud, Embezzlement, Stolen Property (Buying, Receiving, Possessing), Vandalism, Weapons (Carrying, Possessing, etc.), Prostitution and Commercialized Vice, Sex Offenses (Except Forcible Rape and Prostitution), Drug Abuse Violations, Gambling, Offenses Against Family and Children, Driving Under the Influence, Liquor Laws, Drunkenness, Disorderly Conduct, Vagrancy, All Other Offenses (Except Traffic), Suspicion, Curfew and Loitering Law Violations, Run-Aways.

SPECIAL REPORT: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CHILD WELL-BEING

Data for the selected economic indicators is from the U.S. Census Bureau website (www.census.gov/statab/ranks). The Corporation for Enterprise Development, *2000 Development Report Card for the States* can be found at www.drc.cfed.org. The 4-Tier economic development classification can be found on the Georgia Department of Community Affairs website (dca.state.ga.us). A summary of research on teen births can be found in *When Teens Have Sex: Issues and Trends*, Annie E. Casey Foundation, (1998). Research on child abuse and neglect is reviewed in *The Future of Children*, David & Lucile Packard Foundation, Vol. 8, No. 1 (Spring) 1998.

The rates for the most recent year or years that were shown in the tables were used for the maps. The breakpoints for the 3 groupings on the map were determined by using the "Natural Breaks" classification method in ArcView. This method uses Jenk's optimization method to find breakpoints. It is a statistical formula that minimizes the sum of the variance within each of the groups, finding natural patterns in the data.

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